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Hitler's Final Peace Proposals To Britain

City Will Observe Hartal To-day

Protest Against Ashti-Chimur Sentences

Gandhiji's Public Prayer At Rungta House: Protest Meeting At Kamgar Maidan

BOMBAY, April 2 (A. P. I.):—A general hartal in Bombay in protest against hanging of the men convicted in the Chimur-Ashti cases is planned by sympathisers here to start tomorrow morning and continue throughout the day.

The hartal is expected to affect a number of shops and several newspapers.

GANDHIJI'S PRAYERS AT RUNGTA HOUSE

To-day being the All-India Day of protest against Chimur and Ashti hangings and there being suspension of business in the City, large crowds of people may be expected to attend Gandhiji's public prayer. For the sake of greater convenience, Gandhiji has been requested to hold the prayer at Rangta House, Neapean Sea Road, where it used to be held during his stay in the City on the last occasion. He has consented to do so on the condition that we keep perfect peace and order at the prayer. Those attending the prayer are, therefore, earnestly requested to fulfil that condition in a true spirit of discipline.

Prisoners' Right To Approach Central Govt.

NAGPUR, April 2 (A. P. I.): Mrs. Kale with one of the counsels of the seven prisoners in the Chimur and the Asthi Murder Cases left for Delhi early to-day with an application under Section 54 of the Indian Penal Code to the members of the Governor-General's Executive Council to make the last effort to save the lives of the prisoners. A copy of the application has been sent to the Secretary of the C. P. Government.

After a prolonged sitting last night, the counsel of the prisoners came to the conclusion that the prisoners **"HAVE A STATUTORY RIGHT TO APPROACH THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTION 54 OF THE INDIAN PENAL CODE."**

Previous applications were made under Section 402 Cr. P. C. and 295 of the Government of India Act. The last interviews of the prisoners with the relations has been fixed for April 4.

The counsel had also sent the application to the members of the Governor-General's Council but, it is understood, that the Provincial Government has withheld it, as the Governor-General had already rejected the previous mercy petition.

MRS. KALE'S OPEN LETTER TO PRISONERS

Mrs. Kale in an open letter to the Ashti and Chimur prisoners says, "In view of our continuous failure our attempts have resulted in so far. I am not optimistic about my mission this time. But just as a medical man tries to administer medicine to a rying person even at the last stage, so appears to me my going about this business. It may fail or succeed but it will give some consolation to the Capital Relief Punishment Society that we did not spare what was humanly possible to save your lives".

"People's Voice Must Prevail"

Mr. D. S. Vaidya, Secretary of the Bombay Committee of the Communist Party, Mr. R. K. Bhogle, President, and S. G. Patkar, General Secretary, respectively of the Bombay Girni Kamgar Union (Red Flag) have issued a statement in the course of which they state:

We and our organisations join in the countrywide protest against the impending execution of the death sentences passed on the Ashti-Chimur accused.

We demand that the sentences be commuted and hope that the united voice of the people will compel the Government to retrace its steps.

PROTEST MEETING AT KAMGAR MAIDAN

Under the joint auspices of the Communist Party of India and the Bombay Girni Kamgar Union Red Flag a mass meeting of the citizens of Bombay will be held at Parel Kamgar Maidan to-day (Tuesday) to demand commutation of the death sentences passed on the Ashti-Chimur accused.

APPEAL TO STUDENTS TO OBSERVE 'HARTAL'

BOMBAY, April 2 (U. P. I.): The General Secretary All-India Students' Congress and the General Secretary of the Bombay Students' Union have issued a statement appealing to all students to observe April 3 as a day of complete 'Hartal' and make it a demonstration of their grim determination to save the lives of the Chimur and Ashti prisoners.

M.L.A.'S SIGN MERCY PETITION

NEW DELHI, April 2 (A. P. I.): About 40 members of the Assembly have signed a petition for mercy to Chimur and Ashti prisoners. The petition has been forwarded to the Governor-General.

INDIAN WOMEN'S APPEAL TO QUEEN

BOMBAY, April 2 (U. P. I): Mrs. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya, President of the All-India Women's Conference, Mrs. Maneklal Premchand, President, National Council of Women in India, and 25 other women's organisations have sent the following cable to Her Majesty the Queen of England in regard to the impending hanging of the Ashti and Chimur prisoners:—

"Women of India representing All-India Women's Conference, National Council of Women in India and 25 other women's organisations of Bombay appeal Your Majesty on equitable and humanitarian grounds to show mercy towards the men like ones implicated in Chimur and Ashti incidents. Their act was done under excitement. Government's will seem deliberate and public will see vindictiveness in these hangings. Life-long imprisonment should meet ends of justice."

Among the organisations who joined the A.-I.W.C. in sending the above cable are Bombay Presidency Women's Council, Bombay Women's Association, Gujarati Hindu Stree Mandal, Hind Mahila Samaj, Kasturba Mahila Mandal, and six branches of the A.-I.W.C. in Bombay.

Sarojini Naidu's Appeal

BOMBAY, April 2 (U. P. I.): "To commute the sentence of death to a sentence of life imprisonment would be not only an act of clemency towards the prisoners of doom but also an act of wise and generous statesmanship in the interest of the Government itself in this hour of crisis in India."

Thus observed Mrs. Sarojini Naidu in the course of a message through the "United Press" on the occasion of the observation of the All-India Day to-morrow in connection with the impending hanging order of the Ashti and Chimur prisoners.

Why Treat Public Opinion With Contempt?

BOMBAY, April 2 (A. P. I.): Dr. K. N. Katju in a statement to the Press says:—

"Mahatma Gandhi's statement about Ashti and Chimur prisoners' voices the prevailing public sentiment on this matter. Like Gandhiji I am myself wholly opposed to capital punishment on principle. I consider it barbarous. The air is thick with all sorts of rumours of coming changes Mr. Bhulabhai Desai and Dr. Khan Saheb are everywhere mentioned but what people may legitimately ask is the use of carrying on the constitutional field when even humanitarian considerations do not prevail and Indians are made to realise their own utter helplessness at every step. All democratic parliamentary institutions are supposed to reflect and give effect to public opinion as expressed on this occasion is treated with contempt and disdain."

Telegrams To Viceroy

The Indian Merchants' Chamber, the Textile Stores and Machinery Merchants' Association, the Indian Grain Dealers' Federation, the Marwadi Chamber of Commerce and Devkaran Nanjee Fellowship Society have sent telegrams to His Excellency the Acting Viceroy of India praying for commutation of the death sentences on Chimur and Ashti case accused.

TRAVANCORE STATE'S PEOPLE'S APPEAL

BOMBAY, April 2 (U. P. I.): A resolution supporting Mahatma Gandhi's statement on the impending execution of the Chimur and Ashti prisoners and appealing for mercy to them was passed at public meeting of Travancore State's people convened by the Travancore State's Committee, Mr. K. D. Vaidya, member, Standing Committee of the All-India States' People's Conference, presiding.

MASS SPINNING & PRAYER

C. P. Tank Spinning Class will hold mass spinning and prayer today at 9 p.m.

SHROFFS MUST CLOSE THEIR BUSINESS TO-DAY"

Bombay Shroffs' (Bankers) Association the Secretary writes:—The members of The Bombay Shroffs' (Bankers) Association Ltd. should close their Hundi and other business to-day (Tuesday) as a protest against Government's rejection of the universal demand for commutation of the death sentences passed against seven Ashti and Chimur prisoners.

NATION-WIDE MERCY APPEAL

BOMBAY, April 2 (U.P.I.)—The one topic which is on the lips of the people in the Birla House is the news of rejection by the King Emperor of the petition of the Ashti and Chimur prisoners. Mahatma Gandhi is very much disturbed at the impending tragedy and is showing very keen interest in seeing whether even at this late hour, it could be averted. The unanimous impression of the visitors who called on the Mahatma this morning and throughout yesterday appears to be that he is doing everything possible in this respect.

The "United Press" learns that the resolution that would be adopted on the occasion of the observance of the All-India Day tomorrow as a mark of protest against the hanging order of the Chimur and Ashti prisoners will urge that the death sentences of these prisoners should be commuted to life sentences and would also add that the King and the Government should not add to the already existing bitterness in the country by insisting to stick to their original stand in this matter. Cables from all over India will also be sent after the observance of the Day to the King Emperor urging commutation of the death sentences.

Mayor's Appeal To Save Chimur And Ashti Prisoners

Mr. Nagindas T. Master, the Mayor of Bombay has sent telegrams to the King praying to commute death sentences in the case of Ashti and Chimur prisoners.

Telegrams in this same connection have been sent by the Mayor to the Secretary of State, Lord Wavell who is now in London, Sir John Colville, the Acting Viceroy and the Governor of Central Provinces and Berar.

The text of the telegrams reads as follows:

"Public feeling in India is unanimously strong against the hanging of Ashti and Chimur prisoners. Pray commute death sentences."

Patil's Appeal To Bombay Citizens

BOMBAY, April 2 (U.P.I.): Mr. S. K. Patil has issued the following statement to the Press:

"On behalf of the Congress, I appeal to the citizens of Bombay to observe tomorrow as an All-India Day by total suspension of business as an expression of nation-wide feeling and as a mark of protest and prayer for Chimur and Ashti prisoners who are condemned to be hanged."

"In view of the gravity of the impending tragedy, the observance of the day should be as spontaneous and peaceful as it can be."

SIND APPEAL TO VICEROY:

KARACHI, April 2, (A. P. I.): A meeting of the Congress workers of Sind was held under the presidentship of Dr. Choithram P. Gidwani this evening when a resolution expressing grave alarm at the proposed hanging of Ashti and Chimur prisoners was passed. The resolution urged the Government that hanging order may be commuted to life sentences.

Forty-seven business associations of Karachi have sent a telegram to the Private Secretary to the Viceroy requesting His Excellency to submit to His Majesty their sincere appeal to commute death sentences to imprisonment.

AMERICAN MEDICOS AND MISSIONARIES SEE MAHATMA

BOMBAY, Monday.

A cosmopolitan crowd of Hindus, Muslims, Americans and Chinese were present at Mahatma Gandhi's prayer this evening. Among these were a group of about 20 members of the American Methodical Mission working in Western China led by Rev. Kitchen of the Press and Literature Department.

After prayer a number of American doctors and nurses attached to an Army hospital had a brief interview with Gandhiji.

Among those who saw Gandhiji to-day were Messrs. Gangadharrao Deshpande and G. V. Mavlankar, Speaker of the Bombay Assembly.

IRAN AND 'FRISCO

Two Dignitaries Won't Participate In Conference

TEHERAN, April 2 (A.P.A.): Foreign Minister Entezam resigned today and will not head the Iranian delegation to the San Francisco conference.

Taghi Zadeh, Iranian Ambassador to London also has refused to an invitation to participate in the World Security Conference.

KOREANS FOR 'FRISCO

WASHINGTON, April 1 (U.P.A.): Dr. Syngman Rhee, senior representative in the United States for the Korean Provisional Government located in Chungking, today told the United Press of America that two representatives of that Government will come to the United States in order to try to attend the San Francisco conference.

Rhee said that in the event they could not attend the conference, they would at least remain at a nearby vantage point where they will be available for consultation and make a statement on behalf of their country.

He said that he himself will attend if possible and that Korean foreign minister Mr. T. Joso Wang definitely will.

Rhee similarly tried to attend the Versailles Conference in 1919, but Woodrow Wilson neglected him not to lest his presence embarrass the United States which then had friendly relations with Japan.

Meanwhile, a second effort by another group of Koreans known as the Sino-Korean's Peoples League will be undertaken by Mr. Kolsoo Haan who is that group's Washington representative.

Haan said he had obtained a reservation at a San Francisco Hotel where he will try to offer a memorandum to delegates stating the history of Korea's struggle against the Japanese and its hopes of co-operating with the United Nations during the future peace.

"M. G." ON VOTING AT 'FRISCO

MANCHESTER, Monday (Reuter): Misgivings about the effect of Russia and the United States projected request for three seats each on the Assembly on the new security organisation—as reported by the State Department—are expressed by "The Manchester Guardian" in an editorial to-day.

"This proposal is not quite so serious or so objectionable in itself as some critics have declared (we ourselves cannot be too comfortable about India) but its effect on public opinion and on the smaller nations is already strong" "The Manchester Guardian" says: "What will they think when they learn that in addition to obtaining complete monopoly in the Council the Great Powers now propose to extend their 'cartel' into the Assembly? And why only Russia and the United States? Why should not France demand a seat for Indo-China and China one for Manchuria or Korea? For the new tendency is now apparent."

RUSSIAN DRIVE ON VIENNA

Red Army Enters Wiener Neustadt And Approaches Bratislava

MOSCOW Monday (Reuter): From Reuter's special correspondent: The Red Army is believed to have broken into the streets of Wiener Neustadt the much bombed Messerschmitt plane factory centre south of Vienna. There is no confirmation of this yet. Further north Marshal Malinovsky's forces are today pouring into Bratislava, capital of Slovakia and eastern gateway to the Austrian capital. This threat to Vienna is developing with lightning speed and German resistance is crumbling rapidly.

Further south Marshal Tolbukhin's guns moving up from the south and south-east are today within 25 miles of the capital, while his storm troops close in on Wiener Neustadt.

RUSSIANS CUT NAZI LINE TO ITALY

MOSCOW, April 2 (A.P.A.): South of Wiener Neustadt Russian tank columns neared the main railway connecting Vienna with the Italian front ad halted traffic on this vital thoroughfare.

RUSSIAN ASSAULT ON STETTIN

LONDON, April 2 (A.P.A.): The German radio said today the Russians have begun their assault on Stettin with 30 divisions committed to a crossing of the Oder on the right flank above Berlin.

Berlin also reported the German evacuation of Kuestrin and the arrival there of a Third White Russian army group.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE SOPRON

LONDON, April 2 (U.P.A.): Marshal Tolbukhin's forces have captured the town of Sopron, three miles from the Austrian border and but 30 miles south of Vienna's outskirts, Marshal Stalin announced in an Order of the Day broadcast tonight by the Moscow Radio.

SOVIET IN SEMMERING PASS

LONDON, April 2 (Reuter): The German News Agency reports that the Red Army have reached the Semmering Pass in the Alps, 45 miles south of Vienna.

JAP WOMEN FIGHT IN OKINAWA

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES ON OKINAWA, April 2 (A. P. A.): Eleven women and five men, all dressed in Japanese army uniforms attacked an American field artillery unit last night and when the attack failed some of the women committed suicide. Three of the women and all of the men were killed by the defenders. The attackers were armed with machine-guns, rifles and grenades.

I. L. P. VOTES FOR INDIAN AMNESTY

BLACKPOOL, Monday (Reuter): An emergency resolution from the National Council urging that the visit of the Viceroy to London should be made the occasion for the liberation of political prisoners in India and presentation of proposals to India which recognised its independence was carried at today's session of the Independent Labour Party (extreme British Left-wing Organisation) Conference.

It congratulated Indian Socialists on their part in the struggle against Imperialism and promised all help that could be given from Britain in building up the movement which would oppose not only British Imperialism but Indian landlord, capitalist and financial class.

AMNESTY FIRST

The Party Secretary Mr. Fenner Brockway, who moved the resolution, said it was intolerable that there should be discussions about future political administration of India while many representatives of the Indian people were still in prison.

The first step was to release all political prisoners.

The Viceroy, it was understood, returned to London with proposals which had been endorsed by the Right Wing section of the Congress and by leaders of the Moslem League under which Hindus would have 40 per cent, Moslems 40 per cent and the remaining communities of India 20 per cent in a National Government which would replace the present Executive Council of the Viceroy.

British authorities in India were retreating from their position of refusing to recognise the Congress.

NEED OF SOCIALIST MOVEMENT

There had been a change in the economic domination of India. Because of the sale of foreign investments the control of India had been passing into the hands of the Indian capitalists and financiers. After the war it was likely to be in the hands of American financiers to a very large extent. This made it necessary to have within India a Socialist and not merely a Nationalist movement.

STOP PRESS

NAZI BID TO OPEN ESCAPE CORRIDOR

WITH THE FIRST UNITED STATES ARMY, (Monday), (Reuter): The Germans to-day launched their first co-ordinated attack in an effort to open an escape corridor to the Ruhr.

German infantry supported by tanks hit at First Army troops near Dinterburg between Paderborn and Siegen. Americans held firm and repulsed the attack.

INDIA DRAW WITH CEYLON

COLOMBO, April 2, (A. P. I.): At the close of play All-Ceylon second innings had scored 225 for seven wickets (Sathasivam 111) the match was drawn.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE HUNGARIAN OIL TOWN.

MOSCOW, (Monday), (Reuter): Nagykaizsa an oil centre in south-west Hungary south-west of Lake Balaton, has been captured by Marshal Tolbukhin's forces, announced Marshal Stalin in an order of the day.

HALLET'S SUCCESSOR

NEW DELHI, April 2 (A.P.I.): His Majesty the King has approved the appointment of the Hon. Sir Francis Verner Wylie, to be Governor of the United Provinces in succession to His Excellency Sir Maurice Hallett, on the expiry of his term of office on 7th December next, says a communique.

The Hon. Mr. Conrad Lawrence Corfield will succeed the Hon. Sir Francis Verner Wylie, as Political Adviser to the Crown Representative.

"END HOSTILITIES ON HUMANITARIAN BASIS"

No Russia In European Peace Conference: War To Continue On Eastern Front

STOCKHOLM, April 1, (U. P. A.): Hitler has asked German Foreign Minister von Ribentrop to deliver to Britain a final peace proposal to end hostilities on "an humanitaria n basis", the "Free German Press Bureau" reported to-day.

The Nazi proposal is said to consist of four points:

1. Immdiate armistice:
2. German Armies to stay on the eastern front;
3. German, American and British troops to divide occupation of that portion of western Germany at present occupied by the Anglo-Americans;
4. A European peace conference to be held without the attendance of the Russians, against whom Germany would continue to fight.

In connection with the proposal, Hitler is reported to be willing to retire if a general election in Germany shows he is not wanted and has agreed that the Austrians should be allowed a plebiscite to determine whether they want to belong to the Reich.

India v. Ceylon

COLOMBO, April 2 (A. P. I.): India all out in their first innings for 179.

All-Ceylon opened their second innings with a deficit of 72 runs and had made 75 for four wickets at tea.

ALL-INDIA (1st Innings)

V. M. Merchant run out 38, V. Mankad b Spittel 3, R. B. Nimbalkar c and b Dekreser 48, C. S. Nayudu c Heyn b Spittel 7, L. Amarnath c Desaram b Spittel 4, Mushtaq Ali run out 49, R. S. Modi not out 11, V. S. Hazare c Goonerat ne b Dekreser 8, G. Kishenchand c Jayawickreme b Dekreteer 0, Rangachari c Jayawickreme b Dekreteer 9, S. N. Banerji run out 1. Extras 11. Total 179.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1/3, 2/62, 3/71, 4/75, 5/134, 6/154, 7/164, 8/164, 9/178 and 10/179.

BOWLING ANALYSIS: Spittel 17.2/6/48/3, Jayawickreme 13/3/35/0, Heyn 3/1/5/0, Dekreteer 21/3/56/4, Prins 6/1/24/0.

ALL-CEYLON (2nd Innings)

Desoysa c Merchant b Mankad 18, Desaram run out 1, Gooneratne c Nimbalkar b Amarnath 2, Sathasivan not out 38, Jayawickreme c and b Amarnath 11, T. Spittel not out 1. Extras 4. Total for four 75 (at tea).

CONSIDERABLE TIME TO BEAT JAPAN

LONDON, Monday (Reuter): The Deputy Prime Minister of Australia Mr. Francis M. Forde who is now in London to attend the Commonwealth talks before going to San Francisco, said to-day: "I believe it will take considerable time to defeat the Japanese."

TRANSFER OF FIVE CONGRESS LEADERS

Postponed Temporarily

AHMEDNAGAR, April 2 (A.P.I.): The transfer of the remaining five members of the Congress Working Committee from the Ahmednagar Fort Jail has been temporarily postponed.

It is understood that Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya will now be removed on April 4 to Trichinopoly via Dhond. Maulana Azad, Mr. Asaf Ali, Mr. Shankarrao Deo and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel will be removed on April 5 and 6.

Pandit Pant Leaves For Delhi

BAREILLY, April 2 (U.P.I.): Pandit Govind Vallabh Pant has left for Delhi where he will be operated upon by Dr. Joshi. It is understood he will issue a statement on the present political situation after a few days' rest at Delhi.

ABDUL GHAFFAR KHAN "EN ROUTE" TO BOMBAY

NEW DELHI, April 2 (U.P.I.): Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan passed through Delhi "en route" Bombay to see Gandhiji.

MEHTAB IN SAMBALPUR JAIL

SAMBALPUR, April 2 (A.P.I.): Mr. Harekrishna Mehtab arrived late at night on Saturday and was taken to Sambalpur district jail where he is lodged.

C. P. Congress Parliamentary Party

NAGPUR, April 2 (A. P. I.): The meeting of the C. P. and Berar Congress Parliamentary Party which was fixed for April 8, has been postponed indefinitely. The exact date and place of the meeting will be announced later.

BOMBAY PROVINCIAL MUSLIM MAJLIS—The members and sympathisers of the Muslim Majlis will observe Anti-Chimur and Ashti Day to-day (Tuesday). A meeting will be held at the Muslim Majlis Office, Madanpura at 9 p.m. to condemn the death sentences.

HANDMAIDS OF CONGRESS!

Jinnah Thunders Against Sapru Cable

NEW DELHI, April 2. (A. P. I.): Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League has issued the following statement:—

My attention is drawn to the Press report of the cable sent by the so-called Sapru Conciliation Committee to Lord Wavell who is now in London. Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and his associates have been passing off under different labels from time to time, first as "All-Party Conference", then as "No Party Conference" and now they have assumed the label of Conciliation Committee". They are nothing but the handmaids of the Congress and have played and are playing to the tune of Mr. Gandhi. Their pompous and pious profession that they are a detached and independent body of men is utterly false and this is clear from their previous activities and resolutions and from the character and the nature of the present resolution they have passed conveying their proposals to Lord Wavell, two alternatives are offered. Either of them if accepted, the Muslim aspirations and their national demand of Pakistan would be torpedoed by this subtle and flanking movement.

"Muslim India will not accept any attempt to change the present constitution in any way which would directly or indirectly be on the basis of United India. The question of Pakistan is the first and foremost issue to be decided preliminary to any consideration of the framing of any future constitution any attept to militate against, prejudice or torped, the Pakistan demand directl, or indirectly if countenanced by the British Government will be at the sacrifice and betrayal of the hundred million Mussalmans in this land.

"I am confident that having regard to the solemn declarations of His Majesty's Government and the pledges and assurances given to the Muslims they will not go back as an honourable nation and coerce the Mussalmans or force or impose upon them a constitution against their will and without their approval and consent. If the British Government are stampeded into any departure from or reversal of their declared policy by some undue pressure, which I do hope will not be the case, I shall be failing in my duty, having regard to the temper, determination and the deep feelings of the Muslim India regarding this issue, if I did not draw the attention of Britain to the disastrous consequences it may lead to, for which the British Government alone will be responsible.

Mrs. Churchill In Moscow

MOSCOW, (MONDAY) (Reuter): Mrs. Churchill arrived here to-day on a visit to the Soviet Union.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (JULY).

New York, April 2.

Previous Closing	21.75
To-day's Opening	21.78
Difference	+03
To-day's Closing	21.89
Difference	+14

LARGE EGYPTIAN COTTON CROP.

April 2.

The United States Department of Agriculture announced to-day that a larger Egyptian cotton crop is expected as growers took full advantage of the Government authorization to increase the cotton acreage nearly twenty-five per cent in 1944.

Government estimates reported the area actually planted in 1944 exceeded by twenty per cent the 740,000 acre authorised by law.—(U. P. A.).

Newspapers To Own News Services

I. L. N. Association's Decision

"That in the opinion of the Association it is of "vital importance to the growth of a healthy press in India that the principal foreign and inland News Services on which the Press in India mainly relies should be owned and managed by the newspapers and should be conducted in the interests of newspapers as a whole, in keeping with the highest journalistic traditions" and further that the Association "is of emphatic opinion that it is not in the interests of the press in India to depend on Foreign News Services or to support a number of Foreign News Services and help them to establish themselves in India, as is the case now." The Association authorizes the President to underwrite 1000 ordinary shares of Rs. 500 each (of the aggregate value of Rs. 5 lacs) in the share capital of the Indian Press Association for the members of the Association.

This is the substance of an important resolution passed at the 5th Annual General Meeting of the Indian Languages Newspapers' Association on Sunday. Mr. Amritlal D. Sheth presided.

Among those present and took active part in the deliberations were Messrs. Ramnath Goenka (Dhinamani) S. Sadanand (Navshakti) H. R. Moharay (Samyukta Karnataka) Vidya Bhaskar (Aj), Dr. N. S. Hardikar, (Hubli Gazette) Mr. Harris (Ajmal), R. G. Maheshwari (Navabharat), A. R. Bhat (Kesari) and Kakalbhai Kothari (Prabhat).

After the annual report and the audited statement of accounts were passed, the following new office bearers were elected for the year 1945-1946.

President: Mr. Amritlal D. Sheth, Vice-Presidents; Messrs. A. R. Bhat (Kesari), R. G. Maheshwari (Navabharat) Alibanadur Khan (Hilal) Secretary; Mr. Bhogilal Gandhi. Members; Ajmal, Prabhat, Tarun Bharat Hindu (Karachi). Prabhat (Ahmedabad) and Khalsa.

In view of the increasingly important role the Association has come to play in the field of journalism, a sub-committee was appointed to recommend suitable amendments to its constitution.

Thereafter, the Association proceeded to discuss the day's most important business based upon the memorandum on News Services compiled by Messrs. Ramnath Goenka and S. Sadanand, both of whom explained the implications of the scheme and its imperative necessity in the advancing state of world affairs. At the end of the discussions, the above resolution was adopted.

The Indian Languages Newspapers Association represents 279 newspapers and periodicals, of whom, 52 are daily newspapers published in the principal Indian Languages, as Gujarati, Marathi, Hindi, Kanarese, Urdu, Tamil, Telugu and Sindhi.

The Association is of opinion that it is of vital importance to the growth of a healthy press in India that the principal foreign and inland news services on which the press in India mainly relies, should be owned and managed by the newspapers and should be conducted in the interests of newspapers as a whole, in keeping with the highest journalistic traditions.

The Association is emphatically of opinion that it is not in the interests of the Press in India either to depend on foreign news services or to support a number of foreign news services and help them to establish themselves in India as is the case now.

The Indian Languages Newspapers labour under several handicaps, which are peculiar to them and which do not permit them to subscribe to a number of news services.

The need of the Indian Languages Newspapers is one principal news service supplying comprehensive foreign and inland news adopted to their requirements and made available to them at economic rates. The requirements of the Press in India can be met satisfactorily, only, if the principal news service is owned and managed by the Press in India, as is the case in nearly all democratic countries.

The Association, therefore, welcomes the proposal to form an Indian Press Association for the organisation and maintenance of foreign and inland news service.

The Association recommend to its members to extend their whole hearted support to the Indian Press Association both by subscribing to its share capital as well as to its news services.

In the opinion of the Association, having regard to the world situation the time is most opportune for the inauguration of the foreign and inland news services of the Indian Press Association at an early date and therefore requests the President, to take all effective steps to inaugurate the news services acting in co-operation with the All-India Newspaper Editors Conference and the Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society in this behalf.

The Association is in large agreement with the view expressed by Mr. S. A. Brelvi, President of the All-India Newspaper Editors Conference, on the question of safeguards necessary to ensure the democratic working of the Indian Press Association and requests the President to secure their incorporation the constitution of the Indian Press Association with such changes as he may consider necessary in the final scheme.

The Association authorizes the President to underwrite 1000 ordinary shares of Rs. 500 each (of the, aggregate value of Rs. 5 lacs) in the share capital of the Indian Press Association for the members of the Association.

The meeting decided to appeal to His Majesty to reconsider the commutation of the death sentence of Ashti Prisoners and authorizes the president to communicate the same to His Majesty telegraphically.

NO ASSURANCE ABOUT WAR EFFORT

Gaffar Khan On Congress' Office Acceptance Terms

LAHORE, April 2 (U. P. I.): Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, passed through Lahore last evening 'en route' to Bombay to meet Mahatma Gandhi. He will stay there for about two weeks. A large number of Congressmen and students received him at the station and garlanded him profusely.

Approached by the "United Press" Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan denied the misunderstanding in certain quarters that the Congress formed the Ministry after giving an assurance about the war effort. About the formation of the Congress Cabinet, he said: "I am not interested in Ministries but in Frontier it has definitely put a new life. But how little power the Ministries have under the present circumstances."

When some leader asked whether he should arrange for his food, Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan said that he was carrying his rations. Humurously replying whether he was not defying the ration rules, he said: "I am a Civil Disobedience soldier and what do I care for laws?"

HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY

The "United Press" understands that Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan had started writing his autobiography during the internment period and it was almost completed before his release. In jail he spent most of the time in studying books covering almost all subjects, from poetry to politics and religion.

Khan Sahib Personally Distributes Cloth

PESHAWAR, April 2 (A. P. I.): Believing in practical social service Dr. Khan Sahib, Premier of N.W.F.P., yesterday personally distributed several thousand yards of cloth at the Municipal Office to Peshawar citizens holding ration cards.

Additional Trains To And From Kalyan

In order to relieve overcrowding on the Suburban trains during the morning and evening peak periods the G. I. P. Railway administration will run an additional train in each direction with main line stock to and from the Main Line Victoria Terminus station with effect from 1-4-45. The peak period additional trains will stop at Kurla, Ghatkopar, Thana and Dombivli only. The evening train will leave Victoria Terminus at 18-40 hours and arrive Kalyan at 19-55. The morning train will leave Kalyan at 9-15 and arrive Victoria Terminus at 10-15 hours. The main line stock proposed to be used for this additional service may sometimes be not available for various reasons and the additional service may have to be cancelled on any particular day or for a particular period without any previous notice. These additional trains will not run on Sundays and public holidays. Detailed timings of the additional service will be found in the G. I. P. Railway Suburban Time Table which will come into force from 1-4-45.

Punjab Leaguer Arrested

LAHORE, April 2 (U. P. I.): Mr. Abdullah Walle, a prominent Muslim League worker, was arrested under the Defence Rules for an alleged objectionable speech at Ferozepur.

CITIZENSHIP COLLEGE

Students' Congress To Conduct Courses

The All-India Students' Congress proposes to organise a citizenship college in the coming vacation, to provide a course of supplementary education. The curriculum will consist of international, national, economic, social and cultural subjects of importance. Classes on organisation and leadership, journalism, law and music will also be conducted. Spinning will be a regular feature though not compulsory. Due attention will be paid to physical culture. Educational excursions will form weekly features.

Messrs. N. G. Ranga, Humayun Kabir, J. C. Kumarappa, E. N. Aryanayakam, M. R. Masani, K. T. Shah, S. K. Patil, B. G. Kher, P. A. Wadia, G. Ramachandran, Rohit Dave, Smts. Kamaladevi, Ashadevi, and Mridulaben Sarabhai have agreed to lead discussions on various subjects. The General Secretary of the All-India Khadi Vidyalaya Students Organisation has promised to send a batch of experts in spinning. Dr. Khan Saheb has offered to send a platoon of Khudai Khidmatgars. We have also invited Messrs. Zakir Hussain, S. N. Agarwal Bharathan, Kumarappa, Babu Sampurnanand, Khweja, Giri, Nanda, and Indulal Yagnik to participate in the camp.

Arrangements for the boarding and lodging of trainees will be made by the central office and special arrangements will be made for women students. Students desirous of attending the College must apply to the General Secretary through their provincial units of the All-India Students' Congress, or Congressmen's Assembly. The Central office reserves the right to refuse applications. Seats will be reserved for such students as evince willingness to take up fulltime national service. Only a limited number of students from every province will be admitted. Enrolment forms will be available at the respective provincial offices of the Students' Congress.

Every trainee is expected to bring in addition to his personal belongings charkha, cotton, books and note books with him. We appeal to all Congressmen and students to co-operate with us in making this venture a success by generous contributions.

Hostels For Backward Classes

Three hostels for Backward Class girls are to be opened from June 1, at Borivli, Dharwar and Belgaum. For these the Government of Bombay will provide grants-in-aid.

Each hostel will provide accommodation for 15 girls. The Dharwar and Belgaum hostels will be open to all sections of the Backward Classes, including the aboriginal and hill tribes and the scheduled castes. Scheduled class girls will be eligible for admission to the Borivli hostel after the first year.

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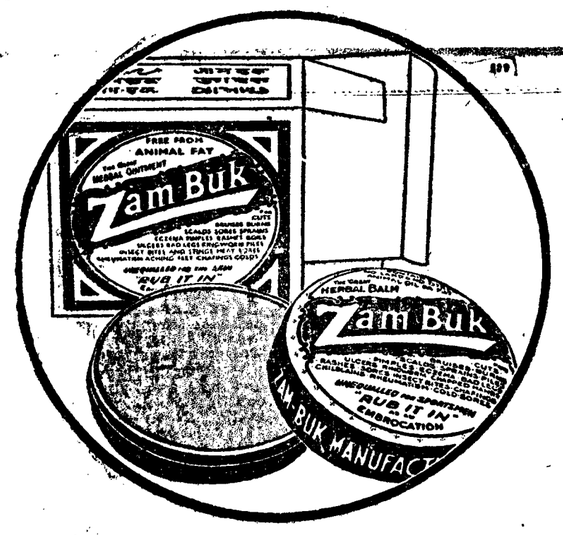

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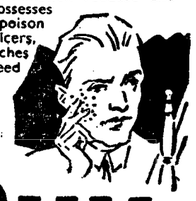

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ASSEMBLY QUESTIONS

Alleged Rape Cases In Calcutta

24 Killed And 42 Injured In Jungshahi Accident: Govt. Inspector Begins Inquiry

NEW DELHI, April 2 (U. P. & A. P. I): In the Central Assembly this morning replying to a question of Nawab Siddique Ali Khan if it was fact that three women were pulled out of taxi in broad daylight in a street in Calcutta by three American soldiers and driven off in a jeep with two women raped and thrown out in Asansol Sir Richard Tottenham stated that the Government had no information and he ascertained that no such incident was reported either to the Calcutta or to the Asansol Police.

Mr. Trivedi informed the House that internal letters were being censored by examiners of censorship. Although the invasion of India was no longer imminent the need for security now was even greater than before since India became an important base of operation against the Japanese.

MANUFACTURE OF RAW FILMS

An industrial panel was being set up to investigate and report on the possibilities of manufacture of raw films in India after the war, said the Finance Member in reply to Mr. Manu Subedar.

The Finance Member indicated that a company applied for registration for the manufacture of raw films and other photographic goods and equipment in India after the war, and that Government held it was premature to invite the public to subscribe capital for experimental work which had been carried to such a state that it was not possible for the Government and the public to form some sort of judgment as to the prospects of the venture.

IMPORT OF MACHINERY

Mr. Jinaraja Hedge drew the Finance Member's attention to a passage in Sir Visvesvarayya's presidential address at the All-India Manufacturers' Conference in New Delhi stressing the need for India to have the same liberty to import machinery, deal with foreign exchange and to obtain freight facilities in the same manner and to the same extent as the dominion of Canada and Australia.

The Finance Member stated that India was in these matters in exactly the same position as the Dominions.

CATTLE SLAUGHTERED FOR MILITARY

The number of cattle slaughtered for military purpose during the five years 1940 to 1945 was 8,59,220 and of sheep and goats during 1942 and 1943 about 20.4 lakhs, said the War Secretary in reply to Mr. Ram Narayan Singh.

JUNGSHAHI ACCIDENT DETAILS

In reply to Seth Yusuf Haroon, Sir Edward Benthall, War Transport Member, said that his latest information about casualties in the railway accident near Jungshahi was that 24 were killed and 42 admitted into hospital for treatment of injuries.

Six had been discharged and the rest were reported to be out of danger. The Government Inspector of Railways (Posts and Air Department) began his enquiry on March 27.

Question: Is it a fact that the Sind Government have appointed the Collector of Karachi to enquire into the accident?

Answer: The rules framed under Section 84 of the Indian Railways Act, 1890, provide that a Provincial Government may appoint a district or any other Magistrate to enquire into the causes which led to the accident. I have as yet no definite information that the Sind Government propose to exercise their option in this case.

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After weeks and months of bitter fighting, our armed forces have recaptured the second largest town in Burma, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. Indian troops fighting most gallantly in the grim battle for Mandalay helped the United Nations to inflict yet another major defeat on the Japanese. In throwing the enemy back from one stronghold after another they are making India safe against future aggression. So let us pull back the attack.
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SIR PHEROZESHAH MEHTA CENTENARY

Mr. Nagindas T. Master has issued the following statement in connection with Sir Pherozeshah Mehta Centenary:

The Centenary of the late Sir Pherozeshah Mehta falls this year and the citizens of Bombay should celebrate the same in a manner worthy of the memory of that great and illustrious son of India who was one of those who gave the lead for the country's fight for political advancement and struggle for freedom and who also laid the foundation of the Local Self-Government.

The Corporation also have before them a similar proposal and they are considering the same but it is felt that the citizens of Bombay themselves also must separately celebrate this centenary in a befitting manner. In response to the request made for the formation of a Citizens' Sir Pherozeshah Mehta Centenary Celebration Committee, for the purpose aforesaid, I have fixed a meeting of the leading citizens at the Corporation Hall, on Wednesday, April 4 at 6 p.m.

Alleged Cat Burglar Arrested

BOMBAY, Saturday.

A case of cat burglary in which Sreepat Gopal Chavan is alleged to have unsuccessfully attempted house-breaking in a Tata Colony building and landed himself into to the hands of the Agripada Police was narrated before Mr. K. C. Thakore, Presidency Magistrate, at the Girgaum Police Court to-day.

The accused it was alleged, broke open the door of the terrace and then tried to slide down the water pipe in order to force entry in the house through the glass window adjoining the water pipes. He was, however, detected in this attempt, overpowered and arrested.

The Magistrate ordered him to be remanded in custody till April 7.

Suburban Social Service

A Local Committee of the Bombay Suburban Social Service League was formed at a meeting of the local social workers on Friday at Bandra with Mr. Suleman Tyebji as President, Messrs. A. H. P. D'Silva and K. B. Karnik as Joint Secretaries and Seth Ratanchand Seshmal as Treasurer. Mr. Shewak Bhojraj, Joint Secretary of the League, addressed the meeting and explained its aims and objects. He hoped that the Local Committee will start its work in right earnest and soon. Another Local Committee of the League was formed on the same day at Danda with Mr. Krishna Patil as President and Mr. Mahadev Padri as Secretary.

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CITY AND SUBURBS

To-day

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Highside: 3-33, 16-34.
Lowtide: 9-38, 22-05

Domestic Occurrence

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. T. S. Pillay and her little daughter are grateful to all their kind friends who have sent messages of comfort in their bereavement and regret their inability to reply individually yet.

To-day's Engagements

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN: Dr. Kailasnath Katju M.A., LL.D., M.L.A., will deliver a lecture on 'Gita and Karma Yoga' at Harvey Road (Chowpatty), to-day, at 6 p.m.

QUADRANGULAR: Water Polo Tournament and relay races for challenge shields to-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow (Wednesday), at 6-30 p.m., at Victoria Swimming Bath.

GRANT MEDICAL COLLEGE: Prize distribution to-day, at 5 p.m., at the Anantomy Lecture Theatre. Mr. I. H. Taunton to preside.

DNYAN PRASARAK MANDALI: Mr. Jehangir N. Unwala, F. R. P. S., will deliver a public lecture in Gujarati on "The Evolution of the Art of Photography" at the Sir Jivanji Mody Hall, to-day, at 6-30 p.m. (S. T.). The subject will be explained on the screen.

MATUNGA & SION TALUKA CONGRESS SAMITIES: Mr. K. Ramunni Menon of the All-India Students' Congress will speak on "History of the Student movement in India", at 9 p.m., to-day, at Pioneer Middle School, Telang Road, Matunga.

BANDRA BUS CO. KAMGAR UNION: Jt. general meeting of the workers of Bandra Bus Co Kamgars, Ghar Kamgars and Rasoi Kamgars to-day, at 9-30 p.m. Mr. Lalit Mohan Kinariwala to preside.

BOMBAY TEXTILE AND ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION: Prof. D. F. Kapadia of the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute is to speak to-day, on 6-30 p.m. (S. T.), at B. E. S. T. Conference Hall (Colaba) on "Researches in Planning of Post-War Spinning Lay-Out in Medium and Fine Counts." Mr. J. C. Lancashire, Deputy Chairman of the Mill Owners' Association will preside.

GATHA SOCIETY: To-day (Tuesday), at 6 p.m., at the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute Hall, Dastur Framroze Bode will speak on "Some difficult words in the Gathas."

CIVIC GUARDS: The number of Civic Guards in Bombay Province at the end of 1944 was 5,453—564 in Bombay City and 4,889 in the mofussil.

TARDEO BALKAN BARI.

Meeting of Children of Tardeo under the auspices of the Balkanji Bari (Tardeo North Branch) to protest against Chimur-Asti hangings, Sonavala Buildings, 7 p.m.

UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION: The University of Bombay teachers have organised themselves into an Association, under the auspices of which a Conference is to be held at the St. Xavier's High School Hall. This Conference is to be inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bombay. Mr. Taunton the Educational Adviser to the Governor of Bombay, as well as Mr. Moos, the Director of Public Instruction, will attend.

MARATHA MANDIR.

At a meeting held on Friday in the Bombay Education League's Hall at Thakurdwar, a central body named Maratha Mandir for the educational economic and social uplift of the masses was established. Dr. T. T. Shirname, the Additional Director of Civil Supplies to the Government of Bombay was in the chair.

Several prominent members of the Maratha community spoke on the subject of establishing a central organisation. In response to that the loans, donations, etc., amounting about a lac of rupees were immediately announced for the scheme which will be utilised for the organisation of the body.

COST OF LIVING INDEX FOR BOMBAY ARTICLES.

During February 1945, the working class cost of living index number for Bombay, with the average prices for the year ended June, 1934 equal to 100, was 229. This was same as in the preceding month. The index number for the food articles remained stationary at 254.

The February cost of living index number for Sholapur, with the average prices for the year ended January, 1928 equal to 100, was 195. This was four points lower than in the preceding month. The index number for food articles declined by five points to 192.

The index number for Jalgaon, with the average prices for the month of August, 1939 equal to 100, was 288, which was six points higher than in the preceding month.

Blitz v. Crown

In the Bombay High Court on Monday Mr. R. K. Karanjia, Editor, printer and publisher of "Blitz", swore in and solemnly affirmed his petition and affidavit in the case of "Blitz" v. the Crown on the issue of the Bombay Government's order of deposit on the paper. The matter is, therefore, now sub-judice.

Margin Allowed To Wheat Flour Mills Reduced

The Government of Bombay has decided to reduce the margin allowed to the wheat flour mills in Bombay from April 1, 1945. This margin stood at Rs. 1-8-0 per Bengali Maund of wheat, but from April 1, it has been reduced to Rs. 1-4-0 per Bengali Maund. The Government has also decided that the benefit of this reduction in milling margin should be passed on to the consumers of wheat grain. Accordingly the rates of wheat bran have been reduced from April 3, 1945, from Rs. 2-3-0 per quarter to Rs. 1-8-0 per quarter and from Rs. 10-15-0 per bag (of 140 lb.) to Rs. 7-8-0 per bag (of 140 lb.) including free gunny.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

TUESDAY, April 3.

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Coalition Not Made Compulsory In Sapru Committee Proposals

Setalwad Commends Swiss Constitution: Asks Congress To Learn "Real Democracy"

BOMBAY, Monday.

Sir Chimanlal Setalvad, has issued the following statement:

The Sapru Committee propose that (1) India should be declared an independent state and treated as a dominion although pending the framing and coming into force of a new constitution, the Government may be conducted under the provisions of the Act of 1935, subject to certain necessary modifications; (2) that popular Ministries should be re-established in the provinces and a federal national government should replace the present Executive Council at the Centre.

Regarding the formation of ministries in the provinces as well as at the centre, they say that the Prime Minister representing the largest single party should be required, as far as possible, to include in the Ministry persons commanding the confidence of the other parties in the legislatures. The words "as far as possible" are to my mind fatal to the object the Committee has in view of forming coalition or composite governments. In the Instructions to the Governors under the Act of 1935, it was similarly stated that the Governors should as far as possible see that the minorities were represented in the Ministry. In practice, the words "as far as possible" resulted in the minorities getting no representation in the Ministries, by persons commanding their confidence. The inclusion in the Cabinet of persons commanding the confidence of all parties can be secured only by such inclusion being made compulsory as is the case in the Swiss Constitution.

Even the inclusion of representatives of other parties being included in the Cabinets will not work satisfactorily unless the Congress Party, which is in majority in seven provinces, change their mental attitude and learn that real democracy means adjustment and compromise. Unless the largest single party learns this truth and practises it, no constitution can work satisfactorily. Unfortunately, it does not appear that any appreciably welcome change has come over the mentality of Congressmen. Some of them still seek of "one leader and one party."

On the other hand, the Muslim League does not appear to be prepared to give up the division of India and accept a constitution which would otherwise safeguard their interests. The Sapru Committee calls itself "Conciliation Committee." One wonders how conciliation between the Congress and the Muslim League parties is to be brought about by framing proposals for the future constitution of India which, however good in merits, have not secured the approval of these two parties.

POWER TO REQUISITION CHALLENGED

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhagwati).

Devkabai, widow of Manuel Rodrigues .....Petitioner
vs.
The Collector of Bombay...Respondent.

His Lordship issued a rule upon the respondent to show cause why the latter should not forbear from enforcing his order requisitioning the premises occupied by the petitioner, and granted an interim injunction restraining the respondent from taking possession of those premises.

The petitioner's husband carried on a Massage Institute in Sitaprasad Building at Chira Bazar which was continued by the petitioner after his death. The petitioner alleged that the respondent had requisitioned the property at the instance of the landlord and challenged the power to requisition premises. The Collector had called upon the petitioner to prove that she was the wife of the deceased.

The rule will now come up for argument in due course.

Mr. M. M. Jhaveri instructed by Messrs. Ambubhai and Diwanji appeared for the petitioner.

Suburbs' Bread Tickets Valid In City Area

Bread tickets issued in the Bombay Suburban District are valid in Bombay City as well and vice versa. Authorised bakers are reminded that it is obligatory on them to accept bread tickets whether issued in Bombay City or the Bombay Suburban District and supply bread against them during the week specified on the tickets and the succeeding week.

Dinkar Desai On Port Trust Board

Mr. Dinkar Desai, General Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress and Member of the Servants of India Society, has been appointed by the Government of India as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Port of Bombay as the representative of labour, with effect from April 1, 1945.

C. P. M. Rejects Prosecution Plea In Girl's Marriage

BOMBAY, Monday.

A third application was made today within a week before the Chief Presidency Magistrate in the sensational Pathare Prabhu girl's marriage with a young mahar.

This application was made by the prosecution praying for an order to vacate the former order made by His Worship refusing to send the girl to the Children's Home.

Amongst other grounds urged by the prosecution were that they had obtained a birth certificate from the Municipality that her age was 15 years and 9 months and that as required by the Hindu law necessary marriage rites were not complied with, inasmuch as she was not given in marriage by her father. Lastly the marriage being "pratiloma" was void in law.

Mr. Dadachanji, counsel for the defence characterised the prosecution move as harsh and oppressive as these was the third application made by the prosecution on account of a good deal of sensation being caused amongst the members of that community and there being a good deal of publicity in the papers. He alleged that Mr. Velkar, Police Prosecutor belonging to the same community was taking a good deal more interest, in the matter, than was necessary.

His Worship, after hearing the parties at length rejected the prosecution application and upheld the defence contention on the ground that nothing had happened since the date of his order to warrant any interference on his part.

Mr. C. B. Velkar, Police Prosecutor appeared for the prosecution. Mr. Rustom R. Dadachanji and Mr. S. S. Kavelkar aupeared for the defence.

Milch Cattle For Bombay

Milk Commissioner Goes To Punjab

BOMBAY, Monday (A.P.I.): Mr. M. D. Bhat, Milk Commissioner to the Government of Bombay, has gone to the Punjab to explore the possibilities of importing a large number of milch cattle to improve the milk supply in Bombay.

Mr. Bhat's mission to the Punjab is to investigate into the complaints made by milk producers in Bombay that restrictions imposed by the Punjab Government on the export of milch buffaloes was partially responsible for the decline in the number of animals coming into the city. There was also according to them, considerable delay in the transport of animals permitted to be exported.

Alleged Assault On Publisher

BOMBAY, Monday.

One Jayannath Bhikaji was placed before Mr. D. S. Babrekar, Presidency Magistrate, at the Girgaum Police Court to-day by S. I. Bodiwalla, of the Gamdevi Police on a charge of assaulting a man on the head with a knife.

It is alleged that the complainant who is a bookseller approached the accused's master yesterday at Nepean Sea Road to get and advertisement from him to be included in a book which he was publishing. The accused's master asked him to see him in the office, but as he remained there the accused pushed him out and assaulted him with a knife on the head. The complainant was removed to the J. J. Hospital and is still under treatment.

The Magistrate ordered that he should continue on the same bail as granted by the police till April 16.

CLOTH SCARCITY IN CITY

BOMBAY, Monday.

An informal meeting of the representatives of various organisations was held at the Servants of India Society Hall this evening. The purpose of the gathering was to hold a public meeting at a latter date in order to create public opinion with regard to cloth scarcity in the City.

It was decided to form an Executive Committee composed of the following persons: Mrs. Randive, Mrs. S. Bhave, and Messrs. Dinkar Desai, S. G. Palkar, D. S. Vaidya and Wadud Khan.

POONA RACING SEASON, 1945

List Of Dates

The following is the list of dates for the Poona Racing Season 1945:

SUMMER MEETINGS (4 DAYS)
1st Day—Aug. 4th (Sat.)
2nd Day—Aug. 11, (Sat.)
3rd Day—Aug. 18th (Sat.)
4th Day—Aug. 25th, (Sat.)

POONA RACES (5 DAYS)
1st Day—Sept. 1st, (Sat.)
2nd Day—Sept. 4th, (Tues.)
3rd Day—Sept. 8th, (Sat.)
4th Day—Aug. 25th (Sat.)
5th Day—Sept. 22nd, (Sat.)

AUTUMN MEETING (3 DAYS)
1st Day—Sept. 29th, (Sat.)
2nd Day—Oct. 6th, (Sat.)
3rd Day—Oct. 13th (Sat.)

POONA DOCTOR DEAD

The death has occurred of Dr. S. Viswanatha Rao, M. B. B. S., Madras, who was practising at Rastha Peth, Poona. He was widely patronised by South Indian public as well as the Maharashtrians of the city. He was a Maharashtrian from Tanjore.

Momins Perturbed

Congress-League Coalition May Ignore Other Muslims

PATNA, April 2 (U. P. I.): Mr. Abdul Qayum Ansari, President of the Bihar Provincial Momin Jamiat and Mr. A. Muhammed Noor, M.L.C., member of the Working Committee of the All-India Momin Conference, have issued the following joint statement to the press:—

"From all accounts available it can be safely presumed that there is now every likelihood of the British Government soon taking initiative to end the political deadlock in India.

"While welcoming every move to solve the present deadlock and bring about communal understanding on the basis of national independence, we take this opportunity to sound a note of warning and caution that any attempt to form merely Congress-League coalition governments is sure to be met with severe condemnation and strong opposition in the country as it would be a wrong and injurious move; besides evidently ignoring and by-passing not only the other Muslim parties but also several other important elements in the national life of the country would most certainly encourage and strengthen anti-national and separatist forces.

"The exigencies of the hour however require promotion of national unity and harmony on the basis of a united India which, in our opinion, can be achieved only by the formation of governments on an all-party basis, during the interim period till the constitution of a free India is framed.

Sinha Chair For Journalism At Patna 'Varsity

PATNA, April 2 (A.P.I.): The Patna University will shortly institute a chair in journalism, associated with the name of Dr. Sachidananda Sinha to perpetuate his services to the University as its Vice-Chancellor for nine consecutive years.

A move to this effect was initiated by the new Vice-Chancellor, Mr. C. P. N. Singh, at the last meeting of the Senate in March. A committee consisting among others of the Vice-Chancellor, the Chief Justice Sir Fazle Ali, and the Maharajadhiraja of Darbhanga is being constituted to raise an endowment and to work out details.

SCHOOL GIRL KILLED BY MILITARY LORRY

A 12-year-old girl who was crossing Vincent Road at Dadar on Saturday morning while going to school was knocked down by a Military Station Bus, she was seriously injured and died while being removed to Hospital.

The Bombay Coroner, after the identification of the deceased Zebunnisa's body by her father Ahemad Bux resident of Govindji Kanny Road, today adjourned the inquest pending police inquiries.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE.

CALCUTTA, April 2.

The market ruled quiet but steady after the weekend. The volume of business was fair. Government securities were unchanged.

Following are to-day's final transactions upto 2.00 p.m.:

GOVT. SECURITIES: Three per cent Defence Loan 1949/52 101/8 S. Lot, three per cent Victory Bonds 1967 99/13 S. Lots, three and a half per cent Government Paper 99/10/6, four per cent Loan 1960/70 112/9.

BANKS: Imperial Bank (Fully Paid) 1984 Reserve Bank 133.

COTTONS: Basanti 12/8 CT, Elgin Mills 63/8 Benares Cotton 12/2, New Victoria Ordy. 7/4, (Do (Pref) 8/14.

COALS: Amalgamated 52/8 Bengal 684, Bhalgora 20/6, Burrakur 41/9, Bokaro and Ramgur 48/6, Central Kurkend 33/15 Deoli 17/14, Equitable 67/6, Ghusick and Muslia 15/6, New Beerbhoom 39/12 New Churulia 12/12, Raneegunge 49, Satpukuria and Asansol 10/8, Sedra 73/7 South Karancura 29, Talcher 12/3, Dhemo Main 27/10 Katras Jehri 61/4, Peach Valley 52/2, Searsole 17/5.

JUTES: Anglo-India 473, Bally 364, Belvedere 528, Howrah 88/14 Kamarhatty 686/8, Kanknarrah 576/8, Reliance 75, Barnagore 221/8, Budge Budge 493, Cheviot 316 S. Lot India 697, New Central 600, Presidency 12/3.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corpn. 5, Indian Copper 2/15, Karanpura Development 32/12, Consolidated Tin 3/8, Tavoy Tin 2/12 Assam Bengal Cement 17/8, Dalmia Cement 16/14, Alkali and Chemical 28/8, Arthur Butler 26/2, Indian Iron 38/14, Kumardhubi Eng. 10/8 Jessop and Co. 24, National Iron 11/12, Steel Corpn. 37/9, Aluminium Corpn. 15 B. I. Corpn. 6/4, Dunlop Rubber 66/4 S. Lot, Indian National Airways 25/2, National Insulated Cable 14, Rohtas Industry 16/4 B. B. Petrol 5, Midanpore Zemindary 169.

Sugars: Bairampore 16/8 Darbhanga 26/2, New India 16/11, New Savan 26, Ramnugger Cane 14/12.

Teas: Central Cachar 119, Dauracherra 17, Ethelbari 23/12, Gohpur 41/14, Margaret's Hope 18/14.—A. P. I.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET.

AHMEDABAD, April 2.

Bull support in Calico imparted strength otherwise the market was quiet and steady:—

Calico 1400, Ambika 493 Ashok 587/8/0, Ajit 380, Jupiter 372 Bhalkia 177/8/0, Morris 160, Marsden 190, Monogram 162, Rohit 393/12/0, Lal Mill 392/8/0, Vijay 500, Himabhai 1105.

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PAYMENT STRICILY IN ADVANCE

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, April 2, (A. P. I.): The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures as well as rainfall in inches as recorded at 8 a.m. on March 30.

Allahabad 104 66 0, BOMBAY 90 80 0, Calcutta 100 76 0, Cawnpore 103 67 0, Cuttack 103 78 0, Darjeeling 63 53 0, Delhi 105 66 0, Dehra Dun 96 64 0, Jacobad 106 67 0, Karachi 85 75 0, Lahore 99 66 0, Lucknow 105 64 0, Madras 93 76 0 Nagpur 107 70 0, Patna 103 76 0, Peshawar 87 65 0, Shillong 81 61 0 and Simla 73 59 0.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It is an unwarranted claim Britain and America are making, the claim of saving democracy and freedom. It is a wrong thing to make that claim, where there is the terrible tragedy of holding a whole nation in bondage....The Allies have no right to call their cause to be morally superior to the Nazi cause so long as they hold in custody the fairest part and one of the most ancient nations of the earth.

—Mahatma Gandhi.

The Bombay Chronicle

THEY SHALL BE SAVED

The report that the petitions for mercy by the seven Chimur and Ashti prisoners have been rejected by the King has shocked India profoundly. Gandhiji was so moved by it that he felt constrained to remark that if the hanging orders, imposed first over two years ago for what was done under excitement, are now carried out, "it will be cold-blooded, calculated murder and worse because it will be done ceremoniously and under the name of so-called law." He hopes, and we must all hope, that the threatened hanging may yet be given up "if there is the united voice of India against the impending sentences". The response to his hope from the people has been prompt and widespread. About forty members of the Central Assembly have already signed a petition for mercy to the prisoners. Similar appeals have been issued by several responsible institutions like the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay, the All-India Women's Conference, the National Council of Women and 25 other women's institutions, by a number of prominent Indian editors, now in Bombay in connection with several press meetings, by Mr. B. G. Kher, Mrs. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya, President of the All-India Women's Conference, Mr. Nagindas Master, Mayor of Bombay, and by many others. Many more appeals need to be issued by prominent leaders and institutions. It is only when the authorities are flooded with such appeals that they can realise the depth and extent of public opinion and reconsider their decision at this stage. It has been announced that to-day, April 3, has been fixed as an All-India Protest Day and on that day all business is to be suspended. There has already been good response to the announcement and we trust that on this solemn occasion millions will join in the appeals for mercy.

Mercy was never more deserved than in the present case. The prisoners are said to be tender youths, just starting on their prime of life. Whatever they did was done under unprecedented excitement. More than two years have elapsed since sentences of death were imposed on them and this period must have been one of prolonged mental torture to them. Surely in these circumstances commutation of death sentences to transportation will amply meet the ends of justice. The question also deserves to be considered on grounds of policy. A commutation of sentence, Mrs. Naidu points out, "would be not only an act of clemency but also an act of wise and generous statesmanship in the interest of the Government itself. For there need not be the slightest doubt that that the hanging of these young men will in Gandhiji's words, "leave behind nothing but a great increase in the already existing woeful bitterness." Finally, just at present many leaders both in India and abroad are strenuously endeavouring to bring about a political settlement, and the hanging of these prisoners at this time in diffiance of universal appeal for mercy is certainly ill calculated to improve the chances of an immediate or early settlement. If in spite of aggravated bitterness a settlement is decided upon, an amnesty will be found necessary by all concerned and cases like those in question will strike all as being fittest for mercy. But if these young men are now executed, they will be beyond the reach of any mercy beyond and the slightest benefit of the amnesty.

The question is asked if, after the King has rejected the petitions for mercy, there is really any hope of the prisoners being saved and whether there is any time at all for successful agitation. Every man can reconsider his decision while there is time if he has the will to do so. The King cannot be presumed to be unwilling to reconsider his decision if he is convinced, before it is too late, that an error is committed. What then is necessary is that His Majesty should be convinced by our instantaneous and effective agitation that an error has been committed. As Mrs. Naidu points out, "time is very short and everybody should move heaven and earth to save their lives." But is there any time for that? We trust there is. Only, we should treat every hour as if it were a day. What is so far certain regarding dates is that the relatives of the prisoners have received letters from the Nagpur Central Jail intimating them to have their last interviews with the prisoners before April 4. From this it is inferred that the prisoners may be hanged on the 5th or 6th. As the people of India must, in such a case, be given time at least to have their say, we expect the local authorities will not be guilty of any indecent haste, which may have disastrous consequences. However, assuming that we have only some valuable hours before us, we have to make the best of every minute available in striving to save these unfortunate prisoners. As Gandhiji says they can yet be saved "if there is a united voice of India against the impending sentences and such other contemplated sentences."

Frankly Speaking

Nimitz Strikes Again

When the Japanese started putting out reports, it was assumed that the Americans had, in fact, landed somewhere in the Ryukyu Islands. There now comes the splendid news that in addition to having landed on a small island about a week ago, U. S. troops have invaded the principal island of the group, Okinawa, in the largest amphibious operation of the war in the Pacific, as announced personally by Admiral Nimitz himself. The first interesting fact that strikes one is that although, on Japanese admission itself, the Allied fleet had been operating in the Ryukyu's for a week and its tremendous importance was fully realised, the Japs did not challenge it except with aircraft and even that challenge too was feeble and infrequent. Where was the Japanese fleet and what was it doing? The circumstances for its intervention were most favourable. The Allied fleet was inside Japanese waters and in area where Jap air support was available from all directions and in maximum strength. Yet the Imperial fleet was conspicuously absent. This can only mean one of two things: either it has been crippled much more decisively than anyone thought or it is so demoralised that it simply cannot face an Allied fleet in any circumstances.

Importance Of Okinawa

The importance of the landing on Okinawa is immense, so immense that Admiral Nimitz himself broadcast the communique about it. What the capture of Okinawa means can be easily gathered from a look at the map. It is situated squarely between Formosa in the south, and Kyushyu, the southernmost of Japan's main islands less than 300 miles in the north and the same distance from Shanghai and the south-eastern coast of China. It has airfields and naval facilities. In American hands, therefore, it will become a naval and air base of tremendous striking power. It will cut all sea communications between Japan and her southern and south-eastern "empire". And it can be used as a stepping stone for further amphibious operations against Formosa, the Chinese coast or even the Japanese mainland. But while the Americans have met with easy success in the initial stages, they will have to fight hard to complete the conquest of Okinawa. They, however, know it. Hence they have struck with such force.

Muslims And Palestine

The Associated Press of America did no more than what was its duty when it secured an article by Mr. Abdur Rahman Siddiqi on the Palestine question for publication in the United States. The Arabs and the Muslims too have a case and, what is more, justice is on their side, not on the side of the Zionists and supporters of the latter. American public opinion needs, and is entitled, to hear the other point of view, whether it did hear it is, however, a moot question. For, we do not yet know to what extent the American Press gave publicity to the Arab case. But Mr. Siddiqi has put it with dignity, moderation and unassailable logic. We particularly welcome Mr. Siddiqi's reminder to Americans that there is a wider opinion that cannot be ignored "regarding the fate of the Holy Land", the opinion, that is, of the Muslim world including Indian Muslims. But if Muslim opinion is neglected, in America and Britain a good measure of responsibility for it must be shared by Muslims themselves, who do and have done little or nothing by way of effectively supporting the Arab demand for justice. The Muslim League and its leaders, with the exception of a few men like Mr. Siddiqi, have yet to awaken to anything like a full sense of their grave duty to the Arabs and the Homeland of their religion.

India's Authentic Voice

It is perhaps due, more than anything else, to the fact that the British Leftist Groups themselves suffer from violent differences. They do not unite. And this lack of unity influences Indian political groups in Britain too. So we have, as a Cambridge University Majlis leader points out, nearly as many Indian political parties as there are British Leftist Groups, as also, organisations like the Majlis. This is, of course, unfortunate. But what needs to be emphasised is that in respect of Indian demands they are all united. This is as it should be. And we are glad that all Indians abroad speak with one voice on national questions like Independence, release of political prisoners and representation at San Francisco. That is India's authentic voice despite Whitehall, Viceroy's House, the Mudies and the Caroes.

ALLIES ENTER MUNSTER

Paderborn And Rheine Occupied

WITH THE SECOND BRITISH ARMY, April 2 (Reuter): Munster was entered to-day by troops of the Sixth Guards Tank Brigade and American armour.

From Reuter's special correspondent at Twenty-First Army Group Headquarters, (Monday): Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery to-night lifted the security silence which has hidden the movements of his armies for some days past.

The Sixth Airborne Division, it was revealed to-night, had crossed the much-bombed Dortmund—Ems Canal and is in the outskirts of Lengerich, 12 miles south-west of Osnabrueck.

Rheine, the centre of the great German airfield system, and Enschede, 50 miles west of Osnabrueck, have been occupied. Between these two towns heavy fighting against German flak troops is in progress, but the Wehrmacht is giving itself up in large numbers.

PADERBORN CLEARED

PARIS, April 2 (U. P. A.): SHAEF announced that the U. S. First Army had cleared Paderborn and commenced reducing the pocket.

Third Army infantry is fighting at Kassel. Third Army armoured units by-passed Fulda in a 25-mile drive to apoint 20 miles east of Fulda.

EASTER FAIR

In Aid Of Children's Homes

A Grand Easter Fair was declared open in the grounds of St. Xavier's High School, Carnac Road, on Saturday evening by Mr. Motichand G. Shaha, Honorary Treasurer of the Children's Aid Society, in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering. The object of the Fair, which lasted till Monday, was to raise urgently needed funds for the Archdiocese's many public charities as well as for certain non-Catholic institutions in the archdiocese.

Mr. Shaha, in his speech, mentioned that the Children's Aid Society was able to spend only Rs. 64,000 during the past year for running several institutions for children like the Homes at Chembur and Umarkhadi, the David Sassoon Industrial School.

Donations totalling Rs. 15,000 have already been received, including one of Rs. 10,000 from Mr. Motichand Shaha himself. Last year the Archdiocese spent Rs. 64,000 to help public charities in Bombay. Donations may be sent to the Honorary Treasurer, Easter Fair, Archbishop's House, Wodehouse Road, or to Mr. A. J. Leask, Chartered Bank, Esplanade Road.

LIGHT OPERA IN BOMBAY

One of the most popular of Gilbert and Sullivan's Comic Operas, "The Yeoman of the Guard", is to be performed in the second week of April by the already well-known Bombay Light Opera Society at St. Xavier's College Hall in aid of the St. Dunstan's Homes For the War Blinded. The first two performances will be on Thursday and Friday, the 12th and 13th April, at 6-30 p.m., and the third and last performance on Saturday the 14th, at 9-15 p.m.

This enterprising Society, which has already given the Bombay public excellent performances of three Gilbert and Sullivan's Opera, Edward German's "Merrie England", and Montague Phillips' "The Rebel Maid," from which they have been able to donate nearly Rs. 40,000 to war charities, is now anxious to swell their donations to half a lakh, quite an ambitious project. The particular charity which is to benefit from their efforts this time is one that we all know to be deserving of every assistance. If any war-sufferers need our sympathy, surely the claims of those who have lost that most precious possession, their sight, must come first. Booking will open at Messrs. S. Rose and Co., this week.

SURAT, April 2 (A. P. I.): The first milk distributing centre run by the All-India Women's Conference will be declared open on April 15. Free milk will be distributed to 40 deserving children between the ages of one and three every day.

FERTILISER INDUSTRY FOR INDIA

Country Should Have Its Own Coking Plant Too

(By Dr. V. S. Dubey, Benares Hindu University)

It is a matter of gratification that Government has accepted the suggestion of installing the fertiliser plant as advocated by the writer at Dhanbad near the coal fields. But in this connection there are few things more which the writer wants to bring before the Government and the public. The quotations as given in the Fertiliser Mission report are two to three times higher than those the writer has in his possession and which he has submitted to the Government. The interest and depreciation forms a very important fraction of cost of production of ammonium sulphate, so higher the cost is paid for plant the higher will be the cost of production. The country's interest requires that the cost of fertiliser to the agriculturist should be as low as possible. For this purpose it is essential that the plant should be bought at the lowest cost. As the members of the fertiliser mission are those who are servants of the firms which are interested in supplying the plants and due to the fact that the writer has already submitted to the Government the quotations from reliable English Firms which are about 50 p.c. of those given in the mission's report, it is the duty of the Government to scrutinise the tenders very carefully so that ten crores are not spent where five crores will suffice.

In case of Ordnance factories, which are owned by the Government and the product of which is solely used by the Government, Government can waste money as much as it likes, as the public is not affected. But the case o fertiliser is quite different. Here the consumer of this industry is the poor agriculturist. So the agriculturist will have to pay for the inefficiency of the Government. In view of these facts the Government should assure itself that the plant is obtained at a reasonable cost. The writer understands that Dr. H. K. Sen, D.Sc., of Patna, was entrusted with Sir Pithkeatley to go to England to buy the plant, but on account of his illness he has not been able to proceed. So it is the duty of Government at least to associate one or two chemists of repute, preferably Indians, in connection with selection and buying of this plant. Open tenders should be called from English and American Firms and that the details should be examined by a committee of experts before the plant is finally selected and ordered. It is not correct to entrust buying of a highly complicated chemical plant costing about five to ten crores to a person who does not know chemistry and is a pure engineer.

COKING PLANT

The other point for consideration of Government is that Mission report recommends to the production of producer gas and hydrogen from coke, but Bengal coal is equally good for making producer gas and so this matter should be considered before adopting coke as a source of producer gas and hydrogen and if coke is adopted as a source of hydrogen, then it will be definitely economical for the Government to set up its own coking plant than to buy coke from a third party. The requirement of coke for the plant will be about two lakh tons and this coke cannot be obtained from the existing coking plants as their capacity is limited. Hence extra coking plant will have to be installed to supply coke to this fertiliser plant. In most parts of the world all the industries having large consumption of coke have their own coking plants, so it must be here. Then the question arises that if Government has to have its own coking plant attached to the fertiliser factories, then the coke oven gas produced in such a plant is a cheaper source of hydrogen than the coke itself. So it will be economical to sell the coke and use the coke oven gas for making hydrogen.

I hope this aspect of the question will be examined by a competent body before the order is placed for the plant. The most economical way will be to have a coking plant in the fertiliser factory and to utilise the coke oven gas for making hydrogen. The coke produced may be sold or a fraction of it may be utilised to produce extra quantity of hydrogen required. It will be an extremely foolish thing to buy two lakh tons of coke from a third party when it will be economical for the fertiliser factory to produce its own coke and when the Government is prepared to spend ten crores in the industry.

In view of the fact that the site of the fertiliser factory has been altered from Harduaganj, which the Mission recommended, to near Dhanbad in the coal fields, it is to be hoped that the members of the mission will now recommend its own coking plants for the fertiliser factory. In the Mission's report the question of source of coke has not been touched, but with the selection of Dhanbad coal fields the question of coking plant arises. The question of a cement factory to dispose the bye-product calcium carbonate also arises.

Noon And Mudaliar Leave Karachi

KARACHI, April 2 (A. P. I): Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar and Sir Feroz Khan Noon, members of the Viceroy's Executive Council have left for London "en route" to San Francisco.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Municipal Schools Committee

I request you to publish the following few lines so that they should catch Mahatma Gandhi's eye while he is in Bombay.

The second item on the agenda of business to be dealt with by the Bombay Municipal Corporation in the month of April is "Election of one Councillor-member of the Schools Committee vice Mr. N. S. Kajrolkar, resigned." It is surprising that Mr. Kajrolkar should be asked or allowed to resign from the Schools Committee and make room for a caste-Hindu member. Mr. Kajrolkar is the only Harijan on the Schools Committee, which is made up of sixteen members. This itself is about six per cent representation, which is absolutely insufficient. The Muslim members on the Schools Committee are four out of sixteen. If Mr. Kajrolkar goes, Harijans will go absolutely without representation.

It is said that the Municipal Congress Party is putting up a Harijan candidate for the seat on the Corporation vacated by Mr. S. C. Joshi. If it be a fact, it is commendable. In that case, Mr. Kajrolkar should be asked to resign after that vacant seat is filled up so that another Harijan Councillor will be available to replace Mr. Kajrolkar. Let Mahatma Gandhi direct the Bombay Municipal Congress Party not to allow Harijans to go absolutely unrepresented on the Schools Committee. Primary education is a primary need of the Harijans and in fairness Harijans ought to have at least two of their men on the Schools Committee. But to be deprived of the solitary member, who has been there, is an appalling injustice. Will not Mahatmaji look into this matter?

HARIJAN SEVAK.

Progressive Group

We have seen a few letters appearing in the press about the disquieting state of affairs of the Progressive Group. May we, as members, also bring to the notice of the public through your valued columns some of the illegalities, irregularities and irresponsibilities that have characterised the management of the Progressive Group under the presidentship of Mr. Tanubhai Desai?

First and foremost, the election that was held in 1944 of the Managing Committee was totally illegal inasmuch as the very balloting paper itself did not conform to any known or accepted form of a balloting paper. And most certainly it was not in accord with the constitution of the Group itself. When this was brought to the notice of Mr. Tanubhai Desai, he brushed it aside as irrelevant and merrily proceeded to hold the election.

At the scrutiny of the voting papers, one of the three scrutineers appointed by the General Body emphatically protested that it was impossible to count the votes in view of the peculiar manner in which the voting paper was constituted and the votes recorded. This protest was also summarily overruled by Mr. Tanubhai Desai. We may add here that the minute of dissent of the protesting scrutineer was never placed before the members of the Managing Committee, and the result of the Election was declared by Mr. Desai off his own bat.

Again, the annual report bore the signature of one of the Secretaries which that gentleman denied ever having appended. If one were to take a technical view of this fact, then the only conclusion possible is that the person or persons who were responsible for preparing and presenting the report were guilty of forgery. How Mr. Tanubhai Desai connived at this is a mystery.

The accounts also were in line with the general run of things. There was no proper audit and some sums received or spent were never accounted for. The auditors wisely refused to attest any such glaring irregularity.

The President never showed the least anxiety or courtesy to acknowledge letters and to reply them satisfactorily, though he was addressed a number of letters by members. The cavalier treatment meted out to a nomination paper sent to him on the 2nd March 1945 on the flimsy plea that it should have been addressed to the Secretary, care of the Post Box Number, and not the President speaks for itself.

There are other outrages on the constitutional procedure and proper management of the Progressive Group committed by Mr. Desai, but the list would be too long for us to enumerate. We have, however, no hesitation in asserting that in view of the glaring misdeeds of the Managing Committee, it is high time that the members called upon, by a requisition, the President to hold an extraordinary general meeting and make a searching enquiry into the management of the Progressive Group.

G. H. THAKORE.
S. K. SHAH.

Air And Cultural Hybridization

As a constant listener of Bombay and other AIR stations including a number of foreign ones, I am in a position to endorse the view of D. G. Tendulkar about the decline in musical taste of the local station.

Tendulkar is quite right when he complains about the AIR's 'new blood' not because Cine-actress A (the old girl isn't so bad) and Professor B make up the blood-bank between them. Sometimes you get the impression that the music training classes in the city have transferred their headquarters to the Central Building. I have nothing against the sweet little things. But I don't suppose the studio of the AIR is the right place for exhibition of their prodigious, generally undeveloped, musical talents. Terrible fellows sing Marathi 'bhavgeets' (composed by themselves' says the sleepy-voiced Hindustani announcer) which give one the creeps. If you judge Marathi speech and verse by the AIR standards, they must be considered pretty far and hopelessly advanced in their decadence.

More recently, the AIR is trying to beat its own record. They are trying to introduce the effects of 'European' music and staging 'opera' in Marathi. Sometime ago, they started this experiment in clowning which appears to me highly objectionable as it misrepresents the actual position of our theatrical culture. They are playing the sedulous ape with what they imagine to be 'effects' of 'Western' music.

The Indian cinema has been accused of this hybridization. But the sins of the cinema are less 'grave' than the AIR's. I have not the pathological prejudices of D. G. Tendulkar to cine-actresses 'qua' cine-actresses. One should judge them by what they give us. If you hear the records they play on the radio, you are easily impressed by the musical and lyrical qualities of what is lumped up as 'screen' music. Some of them—Marathi, Hindustani, Panjabi and even Bengali—have a certain purity and considerable charm. Not a few of them disseminate the best in the traditional folk-poetry and music.

The racket of the supposedly Spanish and other effects of instruments that drown the pretty Panjabi voice or nuances of Deccan's lyrical feeling is perhaps a necessary evil. The cinemawallahs have to softsoap their clientele and when the Bombay AIR is everyday murdering with its inexcusable vandalism everything we cherish as precious and pretty in our speech and culture, you can't have any harsh words for the capitalists of the cinema and those whom they engage to prepare the scenario and music 'dope'.

From what I understand from some of my friends, the local Station does not give a rap about what or how you feel about their musical or other programmes. It is time, I think, the Station Director or the 'higher-ups' looked into the working of their musical and other departments with a view to maintain a certain standard of quality. The Department of understand that the public whose Broadcasting and Information must money is being spent on the maintenance of the Indian state-operated radio system has every right to protest when the Station direction permits any kind of vandalism with its supposedly experimental musical effects.

Bombay may not be very rich in musical or any other culture. But it would be disgraceful if the Bombay radio broadcast musical programmes that do not average a definite qualitative standard. You simply can't say: 'Look here, we cater to our clients, the listeners, who have got radio sets and maintain their licenses. We give them what they want. Listen to our 'Sandeshes' ('Bhaj sandeshi adabarst' 'adabarst behen'). We can't please everybody, can we? But who wants you please everybody? We merely want you to justify and earn your salaries paid out of public funds by taking care at least to see that you do or say nothing that gives to any cultured listener the impression that the people of Bombay as represented on the Bombay radio are semi-savages. This is the only point. If the Public Relations Officer of the AIR wants to discuss this in the press, yours faithfully would ask for nothing better. Let's hear how they want to whitewash all this hybridization.

A LISTENER.

KATHIAWAR ON VERGE OF FAMINE

(BY BAPUBHAI M. BUCH).

Kathiawar is a province having a population of over 40 lakhs. It is a geographical and economic unit, but unfortunately is torn into hundreds of jurisdictions of large and small States of varying size and political importance. This dismemberment of the province into small political units has been conspicuously found to be not only detrimental to the economic and political interests of the people of Kathiawar, but has proved to be the source of terrible hardships to the people in the present dire shortage of foodgrains in the country.

The movement of the foodstuffs so far as Kathiawar is concerned is under the dual control of the Resident and the officers of the several States. The Resident has jurisdiction over the Railways and is thus in complete control of transport of foodstuffs out of and in Kathiawar. Baroda has been made an exception to this rule and the States and Talukas which are attached to the Baroda States by the present Attachment Scheme, are also considered a part of Baroda State. Baroda State, therefore, enjoys a unique advantage of exporting foodstuffs and other goods to its Gujarat territories by force of the political power now delegated to it by the Crown Representative.

DEFICIT ALL ROUND

Last year though Kathiawar had a bumper harvest of the staple food of Bajra and Juvar, some of the States could not resist the temptation of high prices and exported these foodstuffs with the result that there is heavy shortage this year. The abnormally heavy rains and the cold wave have added to the disaster on account of the failure of both the rabi and kharif crops this year. There is deficit all round to such an extent that only one-fourth of the ordinary harvest and Juwar could be obtained. The crops of wheat, etc., have also been adversely affected by the severe cold wave all over India in the beginning of January. As a result, Kathiawar is in the grip of a formidable catastrophe and thinking persons are alarmed at the prospect of a second Bengal in Kathiawar.

It has been regretfully noted that the Defence of India Rules which are meant for the welfare of the people by giving them the required foodstuffs at control prices have been used as an instrument of exploitation by unscrupulous officers, reflecting no credit on the Rulers concerned. The sugar scandal in Jetpur which compelled the Resident to make inquiries is an instance in point. Besides, there being no central controlling authority, the control over the foodstuffs is not regulated and is indiscriminately exercised according to the whims and caprices of low-paid officers who have neither the foresight nor the integrity which is so essential for the successful prosecution of this measure.

WIDESPREAD DISCONTENT

The object of the food control measures is to keep the people contented by securing to them the necessities of life. If the people are starved or even half-starved on account of abnormally high prices due to heavy shortage of Bajra and Juwar, it will result inevitably in serious discontent. As local inhabitants we see clearly that the poor and middle class people are much discontented. As evidence of this deep discontent we may point out to a riot in Bantwa very recently where a mob tried to loot some grain shops. The food measures, therefore, in their present working are drifting towards a menace to the peace of the country and H. E. the Crown Representative should, in the discharge of his responsibilities to the people of this country without delay make a searching inquiry in all the States and Talukas of Kathiawar regarding the working of the food control measures, bring delinquents to book and adopt measures to secure adequate import of food stuffs in Kathiawar to be equitably distributed to all at control prices. This is absolutely necessary in the interests of the Province as that alone can avert disaster.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

BAREILLY, March 31 (A.P.I.): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant and Acharya Narendra Deo were brought to Bareilly this evening.

They were detrained at a road-side station about 18 miles from Bareilly at 3-30 p. m. Mr. M. H. B. Nethersole, Commissioner, Bareilly Division, and Mr. Bolan, Superintendent of Police, Bareilly, escorted them to the central prison Izatnagar.

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Our attention has been drawn to the publication by Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru of answers by Mahatma Gandhi to certain questions regarding the Gandhi-Jinnah talks. We have carefully studied the answers and as a result, have no hesitation in characterising them as inaccurate and a misrepresentation, of the Qaid-e-Azam's position.

We do not know how, why and wherein but of this we are certain, they are a misrepresentation.

If you don't believe us, wait and see.

Postscript

They are more or less mischievous too.

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We have also given our careful consideration to Dr. Sapru's memorandum to the British Government. Our first and automatic impulse is to denounce them.

But - on second thoughts we would prefer to wait till the Council of Action has met.

Or even thereafter too.

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Comrade S. A. Dange told a London audience that he would prefer India to follow the example of the Soviet Union and create a Socialist Republic.

We agree about the second but the danger abcut the first is that India might begin to feel vitally interested in Aden and Singapore.

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History has been made and saved. A spokesman of Dr. Goebbels has solemnly announced that the Reich has not the "slightest designs on India."

We breathe again.

But the assurance to be really effective and lasting must be supplemented by a solemn repudiation in similar terms by a spokesman of Signor Mussolini on behalf of Italy.

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"The final phase of the battle for Burma is under way with the Fourteenth Army methodically isolating groups of trapped Japanese for liquidation."—A.P.A.

At last!

Amen!

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According to the German News Agency the Japanese High Command has appointed General Iwojo as the new chief of the General Staff.

When Admiral Nimitz completes the capture of Okinawa, the loss will be effectively compensated for by another change and the appointment of chief of the General Staff of General Okino.

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According to a Madrid report: "For the first time since 1939, the Foreign Diplomatic Corps did not attend this year's victory parade held today on the occasion of the 6th anniversary of the Civil War."

Hullo! Even Allied representatives have evidently decided to make a pro-democratic gesture in Spain!

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

The woman who runs after a husband until she gets one seldom brags of her catch.

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The man who wants to be good has less opportunity than the man who wants to be great.

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A mouse is afraid of a man, a man is afraid of a woman and a woman is afraid of a mouse.

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Riches may not bring happiness but they have at least one advantage over poverty—they don't prevent it.

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Some hats make a woman's face look long, but not half as long as her husband's when he gets the bill.

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It is hard for a man to look in the glass and convince himself that he once was considered by his mother the sweetest thing in the world.

ALLIED FORCES LAND ON KUME ISLAND

ONLY TWO SPOTS OF JAP RESISTANCE ON OKINAWA

NEW YORK, Monday, (Reuter): A Tokio radio report received here says Allied forces have landed on Kume island the western most of the Ryukyu Chain 50 miles west Okinawa.

AMERICANS 325 MILES FROM JAPAN

Okinawa Beach-head Widened To Depth Of 3 Miles

GUAM, April 2. (A. P. A.): The American Tenth Army had expanded its Okinawa beach-head to a depth of three miles against light resistance at the end of the first day's operations yesterday, Admiral Nimitz announced this morning.

His "communique" reported "the landing beaches have been made secure" in the largest amphibious operation of the Pacific war, which places American troops only 325 miles south and west of the Japanese mainland, about midway between Formosa and Kyushu.

Two Spots Of Jap Opposition

From Reuter's special correspondent aboard Admiral Turner's Flagship, OKINAWA (Monday): Only two spots of Japanese opposition have been encountered so far by American troops on Okinawa. One is north of Chatan, where rugged terrain is impeding advance. In the extreme south the Americans are advancing rapidly across the narrow neck of the island towards the big bay of Nakagushukiwan with its sheltered anchorages on the east coast.

BR. FLEET UNITS BOMBARD RYIKYUS ISLANDS

Carrier planes of the Fifth Fleet gave close support to the rapid ground advance. British Fleet Units, now co-operating with the American Navy in the attacks on Ryikyus, heavily pounded two islands in the southern end of the chain on Saturday and Sunday. British aircraft destroyed 14 Japanese planes and damaged six. Japanese resistance on Okinawa continued light.

300,000 JAP LOSSES IN PHILIPPINES

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HQ, MANILA, Sunday (Reuter): Additional 10,971 Japanese dead have been counted and 185 prisoners have been taken in the Philippines during the past five days, says to-day's 'communique'.

The period includes invasions of Cebu, Negros, Mactan and Cauit Islands.

American losses in the same period were 340 killed, 48 missing and 919 wounded.

Total Japanese losses in entire Philippines campaign exceeds 300,000.

American Negroes advanced five miles north to the outskirts of Tali say. Americans on Cebu also scored a five mile advance on the coastal road from Lahug to Consolacion.

On Luzon American First Cavalry Division pushed to the outskirts of Alaminos and along southern shores of Laguna Debay to the vicinity of Sanpablo

JAP SHIPPING ATTACKED

American medium bombers patrolling the China Sea, attacked Japanese shipping in Yulin harbour on the south coast of Hainan Island destroying or seriously damaging one destroyer escort, one medium-sized merchantman and six smaller vessels. One bomber was lost. North of Makassar on the Celebes, ten small freighters were destroyed or damaged.

Huge Allied Fleet In Action

GUAM, April 2 (U. P. A.): More than 1,400 ships—American and British warcraft fighting side by side—showed perfect co-operation in attacking "the common enemy", a front dispatch said. Naval coveration for the landing operations "left nothing to be desired."

Admiral Chester I. Nimitz, in his first 'communique' on the operations, said heavy artillery had been set up on the Kerama Islets, from 10 to 45 miles west of Okinawa, and was shelling the retreating Japanese in support of the advancing American land forces. The Kerama Islets were invaded on Monday and artillery was emplaced immediately.

TWO LAKH JAP TROOPS ON FORMOSA

It is estimated that Japan has more than 200,000 troops on Formosa who have been "neutralized" by the Okinawa landing. They will be left alone, for the time, as they are "harmless" because of the vastly superior sea and air power of the Allies.

JAP "SUICIDE BOATS"

GUAM, April 2 (U.P.A.): The Allied attack Sunday on Okinawa Island was expected by the Japanese who had made elaborate preparations to defend their positions, a United Press correspondent with U. S. Naval forces off the Kerama Islands, radios.

The attack on the Kerama Islets, the correspondent said, was a preliminary to the main landings on Okinawa which started on Sunday. Eight of the Kerama Islets were seized by the Allied forces with only small losses.

Among the Japanese weapons discovered were 290 suicide boats which the Nipponese apparently had planned to use in attacking Allied surface ships as they approached Okinawa. The correspondent indicated that the suicide craft wert small and not too well designed. It was presumed all of them were destroyed.

The Allied landings on the Kerama Islets began a week ago.

WHEN OKINAWA WAS UNDER AMERICANS

Okinawa Island, now being occupied by Allied forces, long has had close ties with the United States. It was a temporary base for American whaling ships in the first half of the 19th Century and at times virtually was under American rule. Thousands of "Okinawas", as the natives of the Islands are known, were transported to Hawaii to work on the sugar and pineapple plantations. Many of the descendants of these emigrants have been actively aiding in the war against Japan ever since the Nipponese attack on Pearl Harbour.

U. S. TENTH ARMY

The Allied attack on Okinawa Island, which has just been announced, makes it possible to reveal another of the well-kept secrets of the war against Japan—the existence of the United States Tenth Army under command of Lieut.-Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner.

The General and his staff set up headquarters on a Pacific Island and the divisions which form the new army soon began to arrive. The troops then began training in the elaborate amphibious operations which started yesterday with such great success.

OBJECT OF JAP GIFT TO KOREA AND FORMOSA

LONDON, (Sunday): The incorporation of Korea and Formosa into Japan proper announced by the Japanese Government today is seen in informed quarters here as a step designed to spur on these peoples to more active and enthusiastic efforts in Japan's struggle.

Both Formosa and Korea have hitherto been under Japanese Governor-Generals. Formosa was ceded to Japan in 1895 by a treaty, on which China to whom it formally belonged and Russia were other signatories. The present Japanese Governor-General, Admiral Kioshi Hasegawa, was appointed in November 1940. Korea, formally Korean Empire, was annexed by Japan in 1910 by the terms of a treaty signed by Japan and Korea. The Emperor of Korea abdicated. Besides the Japanese Governor-General, there is still reigning a prince of the Korean Imperial House, Prince Yi.

JACK DEMPSEY ON PACIFIC TOUR

GUAM, April 2 (A.P.A.): Jack Dempsey, one time heavy-weight boxing champion of the world, was aboard an assault transport manned by coast guards in the Okinawa invasion. He is making a Pacific tour to observe the effects that his physical training programme has on men undergoing the physical and mental strain of winning beach-heads on enemy shores.

NEW CHIEF OF JAP GENERAL STAFF

LONDON, April 2 (A.P.)—The Transocean German News Agency said today that the Japanese War Ministry announced that Iwojo has been appointed Chief of the General Staff, while his place as Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Arms and Air Forces will be taken over by Lieut. General Yasuda, now a member of the General Staff.

JAPS USE AERIAL ROCKETS IN BURMA

AD. HQ., ALFSEA, April 2 (A. P. I.): Spitfire pilots who returned from a sweep over Burma reported that when they attacked a machine-gun post the Japanese retaliated with what appeared to be aerial rockets. If correct, this is the first time that the Japanese are reported to have used rockets in Burma, writes Donogh MacDonagh, A. P. I. war correspondent.

Capture Of Okinawa Will Cut Japs' Lifeline

WITH THE AMERICANS ON OKINAWA, April 2 (A.P.A.): Vice-Admiral Richard Turner, commander of the amphibious forces in the Okinawa invasion, said today that the capture of Okinawa would cut the lifeline of Japanese forces in China by blockading traffic up the Yangtze river.

British Base At Truk?

WASHINGTON, April 1 (A.P.A.)—The Army and Navy Journal stated today that British circles mentioned the possibility of establishing a British base at Truk.

The Journal, noting increased British fleet activity in the Pacific said that previous inactivity was due to lack of bases.

Jap Vandalism In Manila

MANILA, April 2 (Reuter): United States army investigators declared to-day that they have affidavits showing that the Japanese destroyed over 90 per cent of the Spanish convents, churches and religious houses in Manila during the battle for the city and killed at least 82 Catholic priests and brothers of all nationalities.

For the first time in the history of the Indian Army Indian women doctors are serving on the Italian front. Capt. A. Rocha, Capt. T. Dominic and Lt. A. Albuquerque, women doctors of the I. A. M. C., have just passed through Cairo on the way to the Italian front. Each of them volunteered to serve overseas.

Murder Allied Soldiers By Any Means, Says Berlin

Hitler Forms "Werewolf" Organisation To Carry On Guerilla Warfare

LONDON, April 2 (U. P. A.): Hitler has formed a "Werewolf" organisation to carry on the fight against the Allies after the defeat of Germany.

For the first time, to-night Berlin openly called on Germans to murder Allied soldiers by any means they could and to establish a vast guerilla movement.

"In this struggle all means are justified," the radio broadcast said, summing up Hitler's new plan.

Hitler has gone back to his old ultra-Nationalist organisation which was formed after the last war and which fought Versailles Treaty, the Weimer Republic and the disarmament of Germany.

"Every American, every Britton and every Bolshevist who stands on German soil is an outlaw and our rightful prey. When we can get a chance of killing him, we shall gladly seize it without thinking of our own lives.

"This new enemy will be more dangerous to the Allies because he has no need to respect the outmoded restraint of the so-called bourgeois methods of warfare," the German broadcast said.

FULL FREEDOM FOR INDIA

Commonwealth's Policy Reiterated

LIVERPOOL, April 2 (Globe): Commonwealth's policy on India is exactly what it was a year ago, declared Mr. Tom Wintringham, moving the report of the Party's National Committee on international affairs at the Commonwealth Conference here yesterday.

"We stand", he said, "for the release of Indian leaders." We stand for national government of India. We stand not only for constitutional changes to make India a free partner among the nations, but also for all possible help for India to raise her appalling standard of living."

Mr. Wintringham, who is prospective Common Wealth candidate for the constituency of Aldershot, let the British Battalion of the International Brigade in the Spanish Civil War.

"CRISIS IS COMING" WARNS ACLAND

"This country (Britain) cannot survive a decade more on any compromise with capitalism", warned Sir Richard Acland, presiding over the Commonwealth Conference.

"Crisis is coming", he declared. "The only solution is for the people to rally to our ranks."

"Super-Forts" Raid Tokyo

GUAM, April 2 (A.P.A.): Tokyo was hit today by a large force of "Super-Fortresses" numbering probably 150 which concentrated explosives and fire-bombs on the big Nakajima aircraft engine factory.

The B-29s from Saipan attacked at low level in the pre-dawn darkness, setting numerous fires.

Tokyo radio said the big bombers were over the Tokyo-Yokohama area for an hour starting at 02-30.

FORTRESSES BOMB TOKYO

WASHINGTON, April 1 (Reuter).—Military targets in the Tokyo area have been raided by Superfortresses, it is announced from the Headquarters of the Twentieth Air Force Bomber Command.

The announcement says that large forces of B-Twenty-nines made the attack in the early morning hours of April 2 (Tokyo Time). The details will be announced after the planes have returned to their Mariana bases.

Firmer U. S. Policy Towards Soviets

WASHINGTON, April 2 (A. P. A.): The rejection of the Russian demands for the San Francisco Conference invitation to Warsaw Poles is interpreted by some Senators as marking a possible emergence of firmer American policy towards the Soviets.

There is no secret on Capitol Hill that legislators have been irked by the series of jarring actions that have been comingg out of Moscow lately. Senator George, Democrat from Georgia, asserted that the time had arrived when the United States must speak plainly. He said he did not see how the United States could have done other than join Britain in a joint refusal of the Soviet demand.

Chairman Connally, Democrat from Texas, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Delegate to the San Francisco also applauded the action taken by the State Department.

DUKE OF ALBA RESIGNS?

Spanish Ambassador In London

The Press Association's Diplomatic Correspondent learns that the Duke of Alba has resigned his post as Spanish Ambassador in London.

No official notification of this has yet been received either in the Foreign Office or at the Spanish Embassy, but such a development would not come as a surprise in view of the Duke's avowed monarchists sympathies and the recent denunciation of the Franco regime by the Spanish pretender Don Juan.

The Duke who is at present in Madrid, has been the Spanish Ambassador since March 1939.

No Information In London

LONDON, April 2 (Reuter): No information has been received at the Spanish Embassy concerning an American report that the Duke of Alba has resigned as the Spanish Ambassador in London. The Duke is in Spain.

An official at the embassy said: "We have heard nothing to that effect yet."

The Duke's household in London would neither confirm nor deny the report.

BARUCH MEETS CHURCHILL

LONDON, April (U.P.A.): Mr. Bernard Baruch, President Roosevelt's personal representative "Brain Truster", has been sent to London to see Mr. Winston Churchill and he may visit other European capitals, it is believed here.

According to one report, Mr. Baruch's mission is regarded as of considerable importance in view of the forthcoming San Francisco Conference.

Mr. Baruch was spending the week-end with Mr. Churchill after which he is expected to go to Paris.

While he is in London he will probably see British and Continental financial and economic experts to talk over post-war credits.

Railroad Bridges In Austria Shelled

Advanced Allied Hq., MEDITERRANEAN, April 2 (Reuter): Further Allied naval bombardments of German targets in the neighbourhood of the Franco-Italian frontier are reported in to-day's 'communique.'

The M. A. A. F. yesterday flew over 2,800 sorties hittingg marshalling yards and railroad bridges in Austria and Yugoslavia. Fighters ranged over Northern Italy, Yugoslavia and Austria, cutting rail lines in many places."

Scattered patrol activity is reported from land fronts.

JAP CONVOY SUNK IN ANDAMAN SEA

EAST INDIES FLEET BOMBARD ENEMY TARGETS IN NORTHERN SUMATRA

KANDY, April 2 (Reuter): A special South-East Asia Command 'communique' today said: "Destroyers of the East Indies Fleet have successfully bombarded enemy targets and in co-operation with the R.A.F. sunk a Japanese convoy in recent offensive sweeps in the Andaman Sea.

"Sigli in Northern Sumatra was bombarded on March 7 and Port Blair in South Andamans on March 19. One small enemy supply vessel was destroyed. On the morning of March 26, destroyers sighted an enemy convoy consisting of two supply ships escorted by two submarine chasers.

"One of the supply ships was stopped by gunfire from the destroyers and sunk by bombs from a Liberator aircraft which had joined in the attack. A supply ship and one of the submarine chasers were sunk by gunfire. The remaining submarine chaser was sunk by a torpedo."

Today's S.E.A.C. communique says:

LAND: Fourteenth Army Front: A village on the trunk road six miles south of Kyaukse has been occupied.

In a successful action north of Mahlaing, 20 miles north-west of Meiktila, our troops killed more than half of the enemy force.

Patrols attempting to enter Thazi were engaged by the enemy astride the road two miles west of the town.

Fifteenth Indian Corps Front: There is no major change to report.

In air operations three Allied aircraft are missing.

GOVT. DROPS INCOME-TAX AMENDING BILL

NEW DELHI, April 2 (A.P.I.): The Finance Member stated in the Assembly today that he was not in a position to move the motion for consideration of the Income-Tax Bill as reported by the Select Committee.

ASSEMBLY PASSES AMBEDKER'S BILL

The Central Assembly passed Dr. Ambedkar's bill to provide for holidays with pay for factory workers. Dr. Ambedkar accepted an amendment of Mr. Anathasayanam Ayyangar which raised the number of holidays with pay from seven to ten days in a year.

Mr. Inskip, Mrs. Radhabai Subbarayan, Sir Vithal Chandavarker, Mr. Essak Sait, Sir Cowasji Jehangir, Mr. N. M. Joshi and Mr. Lalchand Navalrai participated in the debate.

INDIAN COMPANIES ACT

The House also adopted Sir Azizul Haque's bill to amend the Indian Companies Act, 1913. The bill is intended to facilitate the withdrawal of an employer's contribution to provident funds.

Earlier, the House passed a resolution moved by Sir Edward Benthall, War Transport Member, for the election of eight members of the House to serve on the standing Committee for Roads.

Three Adjournments Ruled Out

NEW DELHI, April 2 (U.P.I.): In the Central Assembly today, the President ruled out of order three adjournment motions.

By one Mr. K. C. Neogy sought to discuss the recent deputation of the Home Member and the Home Secretary to London for consultation regarding the recruitment of certain All-India services.

The new Home Member, Sir Richard Tottenham held that the services were under the Secretary of State, and as such he was entitled to ask for opinion from anybody he liked.

The President opined that the House was not in a position to censure the Government as it did not know the nature of the deputation.

The other two adjournment motions were by Mr. Jinaraj Hegde. By one Mr. Hegde wanted to censure the Government for the prevention of worship in the Hindu Temples as a result of requisitioning of property for military purposes at Kumblai, South Kanara District.

By the second motion he sought to discuss the failure of the Government of India to prevent indiscriminate and excessive requisitioning of foodgrains under the threat of prosecution resulting in the scarcity of food and enforced starvation for two days in the week in South Kanara District.

NO BRITISH PACT WITH PETAIN

LONDON, April 2 (Reuter): Official British quarters to-night denied a suggestion made in a Hearst newspaper in America that British Government had entered into a pact with Marshal Petain in October and November 1940.

It is categorically stated that the British Government at no time gave any pledge or agreement either to Vichy Government or Petain.

Steps taken by Britain to discover the real intentions of Vichy involved no commitment towards Vichy or any agreement with its representatives.

Hitler Heads War Criminals' List

LONDON, April 2 (A.P.A.): Hitler heads the German docket of war criminals, the War Crimes Commission indicated with an announcement last night that it has already submitted five separate lists of names to its 16 United Nations members and that apprehension of those named for trial is in progress.

"A list of German war criminals was compiled and transmitted last December, "the commission said. "This first list contained the names of German war criminals disclosed by the first year of its (the commission's) work and included the names of major and obvious war criminals such as Hitler.

"The commission early in its work assumed that no immunity attached to the heads of States and decided that a plea of superior orders did not constitute justification for a war crime."

FREEDOM OF PRESS IS ONE OF THE WAR AIMS, SAYS "FORTUNE"

NEW YORK, April 2 (A.P.A.): One war aim which is universally accepted by Americans is world-wide freedom of the press, "Fortune" magazine says in its current issue.

"Furthermore (and perhaps most important) freedom of the press is the one and only war aim which the United States officially and unofficially is campaigning for regardless of whether or not the other United Nations approve it," the magazine said.

'HIRDOM' WINS IRISH GRAND NATIONAL

DUBLIN, April 2 (Reuter): Mr. H. Quinn's Hirdom ridden by J. P. Maguire and trained by J. Kirwan won the Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse near Dublin this afternoon by one length from Callaly ridden by D. Morgan second, Lovely Cottage ridden by R. J. Oryan, eight lengths further behind. The winner started hundred to seven, Callaly six to one and Lovely Cottage 20 to one. Twelve ran.

Washington Report Denied

LONDON, April 2, (A. P. A.): There is no official comment in London on the Washington report that the United States has suggested a "Big Five" meeting to discuss the question of mandates before the San Francisco Conference. Sources familiar with the Foreign Office said that it would probably be regarded as a Colonial Office matter and in any event it would seem obvious that Britain would want a Dominion Conference beforehand to ascertain Commonwealth views. The Dominions Conference is scheduled to begin on April 4.

DETERIORATION IN FOOD & CLOTH POSITION IN RURAL AREAS

People's Food Council's Plan For Supply Of Consumers Goods In Adequate Quantities

The following is the full text of the resolutions passed at the annual general meeting of the People's Provincial Food Council held in the Corporation Hall on Saturday under the presidentship of Mr. M. R. Masani:

1. The Council has, from time to time, examined the basis of the graded levy scheme for the procurement of foodgrains introduced by the Government of Bombay and has reviewed its working in practice. It has drawn attention to some of its fundamental defects and has on different occasions suggested modifications based mainly on the experience gathered of its working in various areas.

2. One great advantage of the graded levy scheme is that no discretion is to be given to the local officials to determine the quantity of the levy to be procured from a holder, since every holder knows the exact quantity of food grains that he is required to sell to Government There is little scope, therefore, for bribery or corruption in this particular respect. Further, the graded levy scheme, as revised this year, is an improvement on the levy scheme that was put into operation during the previous year in so far as the determination of quotas is based on the average assessment of each individual holder instead of on the average assessment for the settlement group concerned.

3. The scheme suffers nonetheless from certain vital defects from the cultivators' point of view. In the first place, it is assumed that the area under foodcrops on which the levy is assessed is that prescribed under the Growth of Foodcrops Act. This may not always be correct with regard to each and every holder in view of the inability of the cultivator to follow the provisions of this Act owing to various causes beyond his control. Secondly, the proportion of minor cereals and pulses to the total quantity of foodgrains to be delivered by a holder is restricted in many areas to an extent which is not justified. Thirdly, no provision is made for the extra retention of foodgrains required for the maintenance of the families of cultivators composed of more than five persons, which is the size of family assumed for the exemption limit of 27.5 maunds of cereals to be retained by a holder. Fourthly, the scales of levy that have been prescribed for many regions have been proved to be unreasonably high as is clear from the fact that these scales have had to be substantially lowered for a number of districts or talukas. If the pitch of the levy had been fixed initially by means of anewari being uniformly prescribed for this purpose at annas six, except where the state of crops showed it to be even lower, the hardship involved in securing the scaling down of the levy demand might have been avoided.

4. The most serious defect of the scheme is, however, that it is based on the assumption that a certain holding of land produces a certain quantity of foodgrains. This assumption itself is based on (i) the average assessment in relation to the maximum assessment for the settlement group concerned, (ii) the area assumed to be under foodcrops, and (iii) an assumed yield for a particular holder. Experience shows, however, that it is not in all cases that the actual yield of the land justifies this entire series of assumptions. Although it is true that the correclating of the average assessment of a holder's holding to the maximum rate of the group may give a somewhat reliable index to the soil classification of the land, it has to be noted that the soil classification itself is not made solely with reference to the productive capacity of the land. According to the instructions contained in the Survey and Settlement Manual apart from the productive capacity of the land, the soil classification adopted is made dependent on the other factors, such as the proximity of the land to the village site, the availability of drinking water, the population of the village, the sub-soil water advantage, and the possibility of irrigation by means of wells.

5. There are factors beyond the holder's control which sometimes affect production, such as:—

(a) Lack of financial resources or equipment.

(b) Shortage of labour or bullock power;

(c) Damage by disease, pests and insects.

(d) Damage by excess or shortage of rainfall for the particular type of soil cultivated;

(e) Effect of departure from accepted rotation of crops;

(f) Illness of the principal working member or members of the family.

All these are factors for which a holder cannot be held responsible or penalised.

6. The Council is therefore of the view that it is improper on the part of the administration to insist that each and every holder should have available the assumed yield, whether in fact it has been produced on his holding or not, on pain of being deprived of his minimum consumption needs or of penalties being imposed under the Defence of India Rules. The Council is informed that in some cases cultivators have no option but to buy part of the quota which they have to tender under the levy—a procedure which, in fact, is contrary to law. Thus, some holders are being forced to break one particular law in order to carry out their obligations under another.

7. The Council understands that the official instructions allow of revision of the levy demand on the ground of local calamity, such as special damage to the crops caused by hail-storm, fire or flood, and for its remission in the case of an entire village where it is found that the actual yield is very much below that assumed under the scheme. Almost all these factors on the basis of which the levy can be revised or remitted arise only after a crop has been produced and, except in cases of theft or mischief, call not for individual but for collective revision. It may happen, however, that by reason of the factors mentioned in paragraph 5, the yield may be much below that assumed. The Council urges that representations made by the individual holders concerned, if they are based on any one or more of such grounds, should be accorded due consideration.

8. In this connection, the attention of the Council has been drawn to a legal opinion reported to have been given by certain eminent lawyers to the effect that the enforcement of Order No. 719 II of 11th October 1944 compelling a holder to sell to Government a certain quantity of foodgrains assumed to be grown by him and determined under the revised L-vy Scheme on the basis referred to above is invalid inasmuch as the levy order goes beyond the authority conferred on Government under Defence of India Rule 81.

9. In view of the defects mentioned above and in view of the doubts raised as to the validity of the levy, the Council urges that the revision of the levy bills should extend to the cases of individual holders whose actual outturn has in fact fallen short of the assumed yield by reason of factors beyond their control. In putting forward this suggestion, the Council has in view mainly the position of small or marginal holders. It is they who are likely to be affected by the lack of resources which affect the scale of productivity. Keeping this in mind, the Council suggests that the examination of individual representations for revision or remission of the levy should extend in any event to holders, the assumed yield of foodgrains from whose holdings is 55 maunds or less.

The Council records with regret that the information at its disposal shows that there has been no substantial improvement in the province, particularly in rural areas, with regard to the supply and distribution of consumer goods, such as jaggary, sugar and kerosene. The position with regard to cloth has in fact deteriorated. The situation in regard to the supply of agricultural implements is also unsatisfactory. The Council desires to emphasize the need for supplying all the essential consumer goods in adequate quantities on a uniform basis throughout the province. This can be done if a scientific system of rationing is adopted, under which the minimum needs of every consumer ought to be satisfied.

2. The Cuncil is greatly alarmed at the cloth scarcity that is spreading all over the province and is distressed to note that as a result of this shortage, the price of cloth, particulary in semi-urban areas and villages, has risen much beyond the purchasing power of the toiling masses and the lower middle class. Unless urgent and adequate steps are taken to improve the situation, a great cloth crisis may mature with terrible results in the near future. The Council urges that the only way of relieving the present deplorable situation is (i) to increase the production of coarser cloth required by the common people, (ii) to release a larger quantity of cloth for meeting the needs of the civil population, and (iii) to introduce a system of cloth rationing such as is in force in many other countries.

The annual report for 1944-45 and the statement of accounts were adopted.

COLOMBO DOCKERS ON STRIKE

COLOMBO, April 2 (A. P. A.): Dock labourers went on strike yesterday and military personnel were brought in this morning to take the place of the strikers. Service men have taken up posts in the dock area while the Ceylon Railway Engineering Corps was recalled from leave.

Strikes at Railway workshops, the Government Factory and the General Hospital continue.

Sind Leaguers Busy

KARACHI April 2 (A.P.I.): The Muslim League Party in the Sind Assembly may further be strengthened before the Assembly meets in June, as a result of the efforts of some prominent members to unite all Muslims in one solid block under the League auspices.

Shaikh Abdul Majid (Independent Muslim), who had mooted this idea in his speech in the Assembly to obtain a stable Ministry in the Province, it is understood, has discussed this question with other members of the Independent Muslim Party some of whom appear inclined to accept his proposal.

Khan Bahadur Haji Moulabux, leader of the Party, it is said, does not see eye to eye with Shaikh Abdul Majid and further discussions have been postponed till all the members return to Karachi and hold a formal meeting to discuss this question in all its aspects.

STATUES OF SHIVAJI AND MAHOMED ALI

BELGAUM, April 2 (A.P.I.): The Belgaum City Municipality has decided to put up bronze statues of Shri Shivaji and Maulana Mahomed Ali at a cost of Rs. 10,000.

BARODA'S NEW DEWAN

BARODA, April 2 (A. P. I.): The new Dewan of Baroda, Sir Brojendralal Mitter, was to-day invested with the insignia of office by H. H. the Maharaja of Gaekwar.

CONGRESS WORKER ARRESTED

LYALLPUR, April 2 (U.P.I.): Lala Kirpa Sagar, a Congress worker, has been arrested under D.I.R. in connection with an alleged objectionable speech delivered by him at a labour conference in the Ludhiana district.

Hitler's New Commandment

DO OR DIE ORDER TO GERMANS

LONDON, April 1, (Reuter).

German radio tonight issued a proclamation to the German people by the Chief of the Nazi Party Central Office, stating that no German is permitted from tonight to abandon his post or evacuate his home without express orders of Hitler himself.

The Nazi proclamation said, "National Socialists Germans after the collapse of 1918 we dedicated our lives entirely to fight for the right to live of our people.

Now the hour of supreme test has come. The danger of new slavery which is threatening our people demands our supreme exertion. From now on this is the order—the fight against the enemy who has penetrated into the Reich has to be waged everywhere and with the utmost determination and ruthlessness.

Gauleiters and Kreisleiters (Gau is province and Kreis provincial District) and leader of all political or other organisations must fight within their respective Gau or Kreis.

Do or die. Anybody who leaves his Gau without the Fueher's express orders when it is attacked by the enemy and who does not fight to his last breath is a scoundrel. He will be outlawed as a deserter and treated accordingly.

Lift up our hearts and overcome all waverings. There is but one watchword left—conquer or die Long live Germany, long live Adolf Hitler.

Plea For U. S. Medical Relief For India

NEW YORK, April 1 (A.P.A.)—Stating that the food conditions in India were still "precarious" despite abatement of the great Bengal famine, Morris Alexander, head of the British Friends Ambulance Service Unit in India, pleaded for American aid in reconstruction and rehabilitation.

Alexander said at a Press Conference that he is here to help American friends through their American Relief for India Committee to raise 12,00,000 dollars and send supplies, mainly medical, to India.

"The primary need for India now is medical supplies, and we are looking to America to furnish Vitamins to help combat malnutrition and malaria."

Ex-Prisoners Of War In Quarantine

GLASGOW, Mar. 30 (Reuter): More than 300 former prisoners of war from Odessa were unable to disembark at Glasgow to-day as a suspected case of infectious disease necessitated the troopship being placed in quarantine.

If this is proved all those on board will be medically examined and if there are no further suspects disembarkation will proceed immediately.

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WHEN HALIFAX GOES HUNTIN'!

11 'Planes For Excursion; Wastage Of Precious Petrol

LONDON, April 1 (U.P.I.)—The hunting excursion of Lord Halifax, Britain's Ambassador in U.S.A. which was undertaken a few weeks ago in planes and which was publicised all over the world in true Hollywood style, has now begun to recoil on him.

American public opinion is wondering if it was not rather extravagant to waste so much petrol on the entertainment of an Ambassador.

Mr. Schwabe, Republican Representative of Oklahoma, says that much adverse criticism has been roused regarding gasoline wastage by eleven planes used for Lord Halifax's hunt.

U. S. ARM-CHAIR CRITICS ANSWERED BY BRITISH PACIFIC FLEET

LONDON, March 31 (Globe): Recent American criticisms that the British Pacific Fleet was not equipped for action in the Pacific have been given an answer in the news that a strong British naval task force is operating off the Ryukyu Islands, between Formosa and the Japanese mainland, says Globe's naval correspondent.

These units are operating 6,000 miles from their Australian home base, although, presumably, United States bases, particularly Guam, that are nearer the scene of action are being used.

It appears that Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser is now having the first big try-out of his warships that were specially adapted for action in Far Eastern waters. Also, it seems likely that the vast British chain of floating oil stores, repair-shops, and supply vessels strung out across thousands of miles of ocean—that were recently reported to have been successfully tested—may have its first test in major actions.

Intervention by the British Fleet so near Japan can be expected to produce an immediate reaction among the Japanese people. Tokyo has always relied on the vast ocean distances to shield Japan in the last resort.

1,300 British Firms Work On Post-War Goods

LONDON, March 31 (Globe): More than 1,300 British firms have been given permission to work on prototypes of new products they propose making when the war is ended. Official details in the Board of Trade Journal show that the greatest competition for new designs is taking place among firms interested in locomotive, buses, rail and road coaches, and other aspects of rail transport.

Most experimenters are developing ultra-stream-lined designs, says Globe's industrial correspondent. There is also great activity among firms who specialise in domestic appliances. More than 156 firms are working on various types of kitchen equipment and there is a strong tendency towards the pre-fabrications of complete units for cooking refrigerating and washing facilities New designs in textiles machinery are being developed by 143 firms.

Dange Wants To Follow Soviet Example

LONDON, April 1, (Reuter).—At a meeting of the Connolly Association of London today S. A. Dange, the Indian Trade Unionist said that India followed the example of Ireland in her struggle for independence against British imperialism.

The speaker said he would rather see India follow the example of Soviet Union and create a Socialist Republic there. He was not in favour of any Chavinist policy.

The meeting was attended by a large number of Irishmen and women.

P. Odonnell, Dorothy Mcbride and Desmond Greaves also spoke at the meeting supporting Congress claims for India's independence and demanding immediate release of Indian political prisoners.

NO INVITATION TO DANGE FROM PROVINCIAL INDIAN ORGANISATION

All India Trade Union Congress delegate to the World Trade Union Conference here, Mr. S. K. Pramnik, has begun a tour of provincial towns to address local labour party and trade union meetings. After attending the Independent Labour Party annual conference at Blackpool, to which he has received special invitation he will go to Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham and Glasgow.

Indian Workers' Associations are also arranging Indian political meetings at Birmingham, Coventry, Leeds and Manchester to be addressed by Mr. Pramnik.

The Provincial Indian Organisations have by a large majority decided not to invite the other All-India Trade Union Delegate S. A. Dange in view of his pro-communist policy and his criticism of Gandhian movement and philosophy.

International Trusteeship

America Proposes 'Big 5' Meeting

WASHINGTON, April 1 (Reuter).—United States has suggested a "Big Five" meeting before the San Francisco Conference to work out agreements on mandates.

It is proposed that the meeting should be held in Washington about two weeks before the main conference. The United States plan for presentation at the earlier conference, if it should take place calls for the establishment of a trusteeship council under the general assembly of the proposed world organisation. This council would be similar to the proposed economic and social council.

United States advocates an international trusteeship system under which nations holding mandates over territories would be required to permit the development of self-government leading toward independence. Principles of non-discrimination in trade, aviation and tele-communications are included in the American plan.

If the meeting cannot be arranged, the question will be discussed through diplomatic channels.

Indians' Part In British Black Market

LONDON, March 30 (Globe): A bulky report on recent investigations into black market activities in Britain has, Globe understands, been received from Scotland Yard by Sir David Meek, the Acting High Commissioner for India.

These investigations began in London as the result of one wealthy Indian allegedly jumping bail of £1,000 and leaving the country by a means, as yet not fully explained. Later, inquiries extended to the Provinces.

It is believed that the report has some startling aspects upon which some action is most likely. One of the results will almost certainly be tightening up of machinery for granting trading licences. It is understood that copies of the report are also being sent to the Board of Trade and the Home Office.

SCRAMBLE FOR MID-EAST OIL

LONDON, April 1 (U.P.I.)—There are indications that the Middle East may become the bone of contention for the World Powers. It is reliably understood that the "Big Three" are girding for a battle for the Persian oil fields.

The Russians have no foreign concessions but are clamouring for share in Persia where Britain enjoys monopoly in nominal partnership with the Persians.

However American companies still have preponderant influence in the Middle East since they hold 60 per cent oil in this area.

The American influence is likely to be further increased by the recent overtures of President Roosevelt to King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia.

Apropos this issue American columnist Drew Pearson quotes criticism by Representative Celler and Senator Johnson against the statement of President Roosevelt that he learnt much from King Ibn Saud regarding the Muslim-Jewish problem.

He also quotes a Washington rumour that President Roosevelt promised King Ibn Saud to send 50 or 60 American officers to train the Arab Army.

Roosevelt Asked To Reveal Yalta Secrets

WASHINGTON, April 1 (U.P.A.): President Roosevelt's closest foreign policy advisers are now urging him to explain and reveal now any other secret agreements arrived at during the Yalta Conference, following the disclosure of the secret voting arrangement.

Informed quarters here today said the President faces three immediate jobs:—

(1) Placating Senator Arthur Vandenburg, member of the United States delegation to the San Francisco Conference.

(2) Answering 33 questions on the secret agreement which have been prepared by newspapermen.

(3) Restoring public confidence and hope that the San Francisco Conference will open above board and not involve secret agreements.

The general reaction in the United States on the voting disclosure depended on people's political background.

Senator Lister Hill today cautioned against letting "small things take our eyes off the main goal."

2,00,000 POUNDS OF BOMBS EVERY HOUR

U. S. 8th Air Force's Unceasing Release On Germany In March

United States Eighth Air Force Headquarters Europe, April 1 (Reuter): An average of nearly hundred American tons (2,00,000 pounds) of bombs were dropped on Germany every hour in March by Lieutenant General Doolittle's United States Eighth Air Force. A daily average of 1,500 planes went out over the Reich to drop this greatest tonnage in the history of the Eighth Air Force.

Operations were carried out on 26 of the 31 days. The biggest day of the month was March 24 when 1,750 bomber and 1,250 fighter sorties were flown in support of the airborne operations and the push across the Rhine.

NO TOURIST TRAFFIC FOR TWO YEARS AFTER WAR

NEW YORK (I.P.S.)—American tourists may not stream across Atlantic until two years after the end of war. This is the prediction of "Asia News," the official organ of the American steamship and Tourist Agents Association.

No Change In Centre Likely

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, April 1: The Government of India's delegates have left for London 'en route' to San Francisco. They are expected to return to India sometime in June. Informed circles here do not expect any fundamental change in the character of the Central Government till the return of Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar and Sir Feroz Khan Noon from San Francisco.

The Congress Party's anticipations that Lord Wavell will address both the houses of the Central Legislature on April 12, therefore, are discounted here. The important question before the British Government appears to be whether the Congress would assume responsibility, if offered. For this purpose Lord Wavell is bound to consult Mahatma Gandhi at some stage or the other. Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, it is claimed here, is not in a position to commit the country or the Congress to any new formula.

Meanwhile, Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru has cabled Lord Wavell urging reintroduction of the constitutional government in provinces and a provisional government at the centre. One viewpoint here regrets that Sir Tej Bahadur is not appealing to Congress to accept office if offered.

As for the Centre, the Sapru Committee has been at logger-heads over Mr. Desai's 40:40 per cent formula for Congress-League representation. Indications are not wanting that even Mr. Jinnah will not bless the formula unless it is previously endorsed by the Congress.

U. S. Inner Cabinet Still Favours Morgenthau Plan

NEW YORK (Saturday) (Reuter).—A Washington dispatch to a well informed Wall Street journal today declared from an "unquestionable" source that the American inner cabinet consisting of the Secretary of State Mr. Edward Stettinius, War Secretary Mr. Stimson, Secretary to the Treasury Mr. Morgenthau and Foreign Economic Administrator Mr Crowley is still in favour of the Morgenthau plan for post-war treatment of Germany.

It added: "The essence of this plan which has been altered only in detail, is to split the Reich into several zones of control, reduce its total area, remove its heavy industry and control its educational system for two generations.

The principles of the scheme have the backing of President Roosevelt. Officials here feel that at Yalta the Morgenthau Plan or something very similar became assured of application in more than just the American zone of occupation."

BRITISH TERMS TO INDIAN INDUSTRY

Demand For A Share Of Control

LONDON, March 31 (Globe): Professor A. V. Hill, the distinguished scientist and secretary of the Royal Society, welcomes the forthcoming visit of the Indian industrialists to Britain and thinks that the possibilities of mutually profitable industrial co-operation between the two countries are great.

"The Indian scientists paved the way for them magnificently", he told Globe. "They planted the seed and it is ready to grow if the industrialists come and water it in the same friendly and co-operative spirit."

Discussing the scheme for training Indian technologists in Britain, Professor Hill said: "There is no doubt that the greatest gift we can give to India is in the training of their scientists and technologists. They cannot really equip their industry without a very large number of these people."

Professor Hill pointed out that he did not think that in the long run India would buy consumer goods, except those of the highest quality. "India has an enormous amount of labour and will want to employ it as soon as possible as she is doing in the case of cotton," he declared. "But India is a potential buyer on a big scale of capital goods for equipping her own industries.

"I think Indians are becoming very much better aware of what this country can do for them. They have to realise, however, that British industry is not going to do these things for love only. I do not think they can expect British industry to erect, by its skill and its resources, something which it is to have only a minor share in controlling. If they want to develop, they must go equal shares with the people here. Going halves seems a fair proposition. A great many Indians realise that—while they have the feeling, quite rightly, that they do not want their business controlled from outside—they will have to go shares as equal partners."

FAZLUL HUQ TO WRITE TO CASEY

Wavell's Mission Result May Affect Bengal Position

CALCUTTA, April 1, (U. P. I.): Following the proclamation under Section 93 in Bengal the question is being asked in lobby circles how long the Governor regime will last this time. Political observers feel that the revocation of the proclamation may take a little time and Mr. Casey may like to await the return of Lord Wavell and the outcome of his London mission.

It is gathered that Mr. Fazlul Huq, Leader of the Opposition, is sending a communication to the Bengal Governor on the Parliamentary situation in the Province and the constitutional position.

This is the second time under the present constitution that Bengal has gone under Section 93 administration. The constitution was suspended exactly two years ago when Mr. Fazlul Huq had resigned on March 28, 1943, before all the budget demands were passed, in order to have the way for the formation of a more broadbased ministry. The Section 93 regime that time lasted 23 days and on April 24 1943 Sir Nazimuddin's Cabinet was composed with 12 ministers.

Phone Talks Will Be Listened To

MADRAS: A Press Note issued by the Madras Government says:—

"The public are informed that, in the interests of military security telephone conversations will be listened to in future. Any person guilty of a breach of security by careless talk or otherwise, will be liable to prosecution and withdrawal of telephone facilities."

Calcutta 'Varsity To Conduct Classes In Journalism

CALCUTTA, March 31 (U. P. I.). The scheme for a diploma course in Journalism has been finished by the Committee appointed by the Calcutta University. It is hoped that after being formally approved by the Syndicate, the scheme will be put into operation from the next session, i.e., June 1945.

The scheme which was formulated by the Indian Journalists' Association in collaboration with the Appointments Board of the Calcutta University provides for a two years' course.

The University will arrange to provide for instruction in the theoretical portion of the course and arrange to call the trainees one day every week in any office of a newspaper or a news agency where they will receive instructions from experts regarding all practical subjects. The University in collaboration with the Indian Journalists' Association will also arrange for special lectures on subjects in which journalists may be interested.

Hundreds Of Rupees On Person Of Dead Beggar

KOLHAPUR, April 1 (A.P.I.)—Silver, Copper and other coins amounting to some hundreds of rupees were found on the dead person of an old beggar who died of starvation.

His dead body was discovered on a street and a police panchanama revealed that he carried the sum on his person tied in heavy bundles of rags.

Civil Motor Cycles Control Order

NEW DELHI, March 31 (A.P.I.)—A press note says: "The Government of India have issued a Civil Motor Cycles Control Order, 1945, to control the sale and distribution of a limited number of light motor cycles available for civil use at a cost of Rs. 825 per machine (subject to revision) plus transportation charges from the centre of distribution to the premises of the dealer. In view of the acute shortage of motor cycles, it is proposed to issue these only to essential users both among officials and non-officials, persons desiring to purchase these light motor cycles should apply to the provincial Motor Transport Controller concerned.

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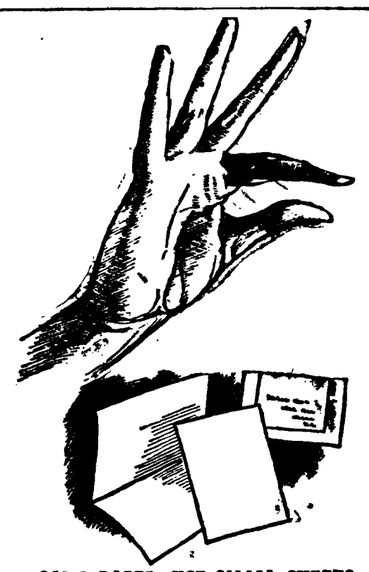

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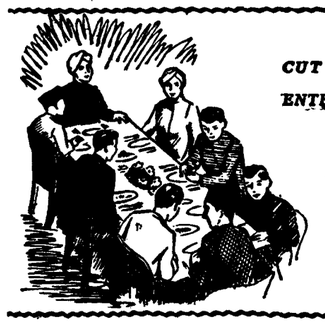

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Cotton Mills Shares Quiet

BULLION MARKET DECLINES AFTER STEADY OPENING

Absence Of Support Tells On Cotton Prices

BOMBAY, April 2.

The Bombay Stock Exchange opened higher and ruled steady for some time but later a portion of the opening improvement was lost. As a result of day's trading Tata Steel Dfds. gained Rs. 2/8 and Ordinary shares lost rupee one. Bombay Dyeings declined Rs. 10/- and Kohinoors were down by Rs. 5/-. Bank shares were unchanged and Insurance issues were quiet. Cotton opened steady but declined under increased liquidation in the absence of professional support.

Bullion market was also steady at the start but later declined on selling pressure.

BOMBAY, April 2.

The Bombay Stock Exchange was quietly steady with a restricted turnover and price fluctuations were narrow pending war developments. There is less disposition to operate and the market is working on early peace prospects. A section hopes to buy whenever suitable opportunities like the termination of the European war present. Such a state is likely to have temporary sentimental effect as the industrial situation is not likely to deteriorate all of a sudden. However there is one favourable aspect of the market namely absence of weak long interest in the market. Thus there cannot be any important forced liquidation which can collapse the price structure. The effect is likely to be of a purely sentimental character. The market opened today at Rs. 2,037 for Tata Steel Dfds which ruled steady at Rs. 2,038. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 379 and were quoted at Rs. 378. Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 1,827 and steadied at Rs. 1,825. Kohinoor Mill Shares opened at Rs. 605 and later were placed at Rs. 601.

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, April 2.

The Reserve Bank of India sold today 31,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 72/1 and no sales of Silver made as announced before.

Forward Silver opened today at Rs. 71/14 and improved to Rs. 72/10 under moderate buying but later declined to Rs. 72/3 under scattered liquidations. The next settlement opened at a discount of annas 12 but later on the difference narrowed to annas six. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 72/7.

Forward Silver opened at Rs. 129/4 and improved to Rs. 129/6 under small buying and later quietened at Rs. 128/14. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 129/3.

The market is keeping very steady in the face of exceedingly favourable war news and early hopes of the end of the war in Europe and several traders and onlookers are wondering at the firmness of the market. The main contentions in favour of the market are improved demand for both Gold and Silver from upcountry markets. The end of the war in Europe does not mean the end of war in the East. The steady increase in note circulation is still having its effect on the price structure. These various reason are at work at present and daily sales by the Bank are being gradually absorbed without any effect on quotations.

Gold was quiet but Silver ruled steady. Quotations were as under:—

Ready Silver	130	0	0
Silver Current Settlement	129	4	0
Next Settlement	127	4	0
Ready Gold	72	4	0
Gold Current Settlement	72	2	0
Next Settlement	71	12	0
Sovereigns	49	14	0

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, April 2.

The local cotton market opened today at Rs. 448/8 for May delivery and declined to Rs. 446 under moderate selling. It appears that professional operators are not inclined to weigh over May tenders and the market is left alone without any important support. Thus in the absence of active support there is more disposition to sell on a rise than to buy on declines. Thus the market looks like grinding with a sagging tendency until Bears in May option come out to cover.

The market closed at 3 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. May	446	0	6
I.C.C. July	440	8	6
I.C.C. Sept.	469	0	0

Cotton Parity

Indian Cotton May Contract is 475 cent points below New York May at Exchange rate 475.

High And Low Cotton Prices

BOMBAY, March 31.

I.C.C. May Highest 449.1/4 Lowest 447 Closing at 3 p.m. 448-3/4.
I.C.C. July Highest 463 Lowest 461.1/2 Closing at 3 p.m 462.1/2.
I.C.C. Sept. Highest 471.1/4 Lowest 468-1/2 Closing at 3 p m 471

Bombay Produce

BOMBAY April 2.

The local Produce market was steady with a restricted business. The Ministry is not inclined to increase buying limits while local dealers are not inclined to lower their quotations. Groundnuts Nizam State quality were quoted at Rs. 14/2 and May/June stood at Rs. 14/2. Bombay Bold with Buyers' permit were placed at Rs. 13/10. Goa delivery March/April were quoted at Rs. 14/1 and April/May were quoted at Rs. 14/1/6 Castorseeds Bombay ready were quoted at As. 15/6 and Goa March/April were done at Rs. 15/8. Linseed C.P. and U.P. stood at Rs. 15/13. G.I.P. Stations were done at Rs. 15/11/6 and N. S. Ry quotation was Rs. 15/10. Linseed small was done at Rs. 15/6.

Record Of Actual Transaction In Shares

BOMBAY, April 2.

Ahmedabad Advance 405 2/8
Apollo 3/13 3/12/6 3/13 3/12/9
Bharat 58 57/12
Bharucha (Dfd) 8
Bombay Dyeing 1830 25 27/8 20 28/12 22/8 25 22/6 23/12
Bradbury (Ord) 300
Bradbury (Pref) 530 31/4
Central India (Ord) 381 78/8 80/8 79/8 80/8 79
Central India (Pref) 732/8
Century 925 27/8
Colaba 210 10/8 10
Edward Textiles 622/8 32/8 11/4 12/8
Elphinstone (Ord) 83 82 82/8
Elphinstone (Pref) 128 /2
Finlay 300 299 300/8 300
Gokak 297 94/8 95/8
India United (Ord). 14/1 14 14/2/15/3
India United (Ord) 14/1 14 14/2 13/14/6 14 13/15 14
Indore 691/4 92/8 86/4 88/12
Kohinoor 603 599 602 600 601 599 601
Madhusudan 415
Meyer 202/8 200 201/14 1/4
Minerva 255
Model 247/8
Morarji 695 93/12 98/12 (Ex, Div)
New Great (Ord) 369 67
Podar (Ord) 330
Sassoon (Cotton) 22
Simplex 255 53 54 52 52/8
Swadeshi (Ord) 540 37 39 37
Swan 325/8 24 25/8 24/8
Tata Mills (Ord) 56/8 56 56/8
Vishnu (Cotton) (Ord) 477/8 75

BANKS

Baroda 136/8
Central 78/12 77/12 78 77/12 79
Imperial (Old) 1985 87/8
Imperial (New). 493/12
India 189/8
Reserve 134/8
Dena Bank 70

ELECTRIC.

Andhra Valley (Ord) 1780 77/8
Andhra Valley (Pref) 1675
B. Tram (Ord) 147/8 46/8 47
B. Tram (Pref) 66/4 66/12 66/8
Tata Hydro (Ord) 205 5/8
Tata Hydro (Pref) 167/8
Tata Power (Ord) 1877/8

INSURANCE.

Empire 1250 55 40 45
Mercantile 70/8
New India 79/8 78 78/4
Scindia 32/14 32/15 32/10 32/12
Tata Steel (Defr) 2040 35 37/8 27/8 26/4 27/8 36/4 30 32/8
Tata Steel (Ord) 380 76/8 78 77 78/8 77/8
Tata Steel (2nd Pref) 160/4 59/8 59/12

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 395 400 397/8 400
A. Cement 227/8 26/8 27 25/8 26 25 25/4
Belapur 215 16/8
Burma (Old) 512/8 8/12 11/4
Burmah (New 132/8 98 91/4
B. B. Petrol 4/14/6 4/13/6
Port Canning 104
P. Cons. (1st Pref) 138/8
P. Cons. (Ord) 203 3/8
Shivrajpur 52 51/4 52
Tata Chemical (Ord) 20/2 20 20/2
Tata Oil (Ord) 62/8 63 62/8
Western India Match 316/4
Harvi Sabhapathy Press 405
Mahmar Press 140

Calicut Quotations

CALICUT, April 2.

Cocoanuts Raw 82, Dry 78, Cocoanut Oil 325 Copra Office 195, Dilpasand 210, Madrasnottam 220 Goodgoods 220 Pepper Wynaad 310, Country 362/8, Dry Ginger Chermad 240, Ernad 225. Coffee Robusta 84

Indore Share Bazar

INDORE April 2.

The share bazar remained closed today on account of monthly chithi and pataan day the market also remained closed on Friday and Saturday last.

Jute Crop Estimates

CALCUTTA, March 31 (A. P. I.): The total 1944 jute acreage was 2,059,555 acres and the revised yield is estimated at 5,493,725 bales of 400 lbs. each, according to the consolidated supplementary review of the jute crop issued by the Department of Agriculture, Bengal. The foregoing figures relate to Bengal, Cooch Behar and Tripura States, Bihar, Orissa and Assam.

Bankers' Clearing

Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 29th March were as under:—

Number of Cheques: 1,28,982.
Amount of Cheques: Rs. 46,91,269-14-1.

'FRISCO WILL BE FIASCO IF SATELLITE VOTE-GRABBING CONTINUES

Siddiqui Reviews U. S. Tour: "Officials Cut Sorry Figure At International Conferences"

CALCUTTA, April 2 (A.P.I.) Mr. A. R. Siddiqui, a delegate to the International Business and the Pacific Relations Conferences, declared in an interview that the conference at San Francisco from the manner in which the fight for co-lecting satellite votes had proceeded was going to be another fiasco unless at the eleventh hour the Big Three powers were influenced by the principle of international justice and fairplay.

Referring to the Pacific Relations Conference, Mr. Siddiqui said that it came to the conclusion that future safety lay in "Dumbarton Oaks or better." India could not very well accept the Dumbarton Oaks without certain amendments. The addition of the word "better" showed clearly that the nation's representatives at the Hot Springs Conference were not satisfied with the plan adumbrated at Dumbarton Oaks.

Mr. Siddiqui said that the general impression he had brought back with him was that they had to stand on their own legs both in the economic and political fields. Friendly assistance from whichever quarter it came should be accepted, for, it would always have an element of reciprocity in it, but India, in spite of the difference in outlook between its Government and its people, must now work its own destiny according to its own feeling and outlook.

"This becomes specially important", Mr. Siddiqui said, "when we realise that the Big Three appear to be bent upon creating a dictatorship of the triumvirate not only for peace and security but also for commercial domination and exploitation. They have not yet declared their intentions clearly regarding colonial possessions and the rights of the non-White peoples. The danger appears to be that the past is likely to cast its terrible shadow over the future."

FREEDOM BY SELF-HELP

Mr. Siddiqui said that, while the general atmosphere in America on the question of India's freedom was friendly, it would be foolish to imagine that under existing conditions and inter-state etiquette the U.S.A. or any other friendly Government could help them to become free. Freedom must be won by the sons and daughters of India.

Proceeding, Mr. Siddiqui said: "The activities of anti-Indian propagandists whose number is reported to be legion, have spread wide, but if credit is taken by the non-official Indian delegates for having undone their work, they will not be considered unjustified. The powers, that be, have now come to realise that official delegates cannot create that favourable position for India as non-official delegates can, and the best proof for it is the sorry figure cut by India and its so-called representatives at the Chicago Aviation Conference as against at Rye and Hot Springs Conferences."

Alluding to the activities of Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, Mr. Siddiqui said: "Mrs. Pandit was our leader at the Pacific Relations Conference. She created a good impression so much so that she was the only lady that presided over one of the round tables of the conference. We fought not only for the rights of India, but also for those of Burma, Indo-China and the millions of inhabitants of the Dutch East Indies. Mrs. Pandit is likely to stay for some time longer and I feel certain that she will carry on the fight for India and the East."

HONEST ELEMENT IN BENGAL LEGISLATURE

What Legislature Secretary Wants

CALCUTTA, April 2 (O.P.I.): "It is not worthwhile forming a ministry if it is not possible to form a strong and stable coalition party consisting of honest elements in the Legislature", says Mr. Abdul Hashim, General Secretary, Bengal Provincial Muslim League, in a statement to the "Orient Press."

He adds: "The Bengal Muslim League Coalition Ministry has gone out of office with its head high. The sudden increase in the strength of the Opposition is not due to their own merits. The Opposition due to their lust for power surrendered to the unholy machinations of cloth thieves and cloth hoarders, the profiteers, blackmarketeers, food-thieves etc. outside the Legislature and their patrons within the legislature should be thoroughly exposed before the public and chased out by the public."

INDORE STATE PEOPLES' CONFERENCE

Union Indians' Delegation For San Francisco

CAPE TOWN, April 1. (Reuter): The South African Indian Congress has decided to send a delegation to San Francisco to advise the Indian delegation on the colour question in South Africa, particularly the Indian question. The delegation is to consist of the President of the South African Indian Congress, Mr. A. Ismail, Secretary, Mr. A. L. Kajee and one representative each from Natal, the Transvaal and Cape province.

SMALLER U. S. COTTON CROP OUTLOOK

Acute Labour Shortage

Cotton has been quietly erratic with the fast moving war developments and vague peace rumours and the ever present legislative uncertainties offsetting prospects of a smaller new crop and good export outlook. In addition to her recent acquisition of U. S. staple, Spain is also reported to have purchased approximately 20,000 bales Type four of Brazilian cotton at 16.55 cents per pound F.O.B. Santos.

Southern advices are stressing acute labour shortage. Meanwhile interest in spot cotton is keener with a few of the larger spinners inquiring for new crop delivery. In the cotton goods market, despite the complicated Government regulations and fears of price rollbacks in the face of the pending war increase, some mills were more inclined to sell upto June.

CITY MARKETS TO REMAIN CLOSED

All city markets are likely to remain entirely closed on Tuesday being Chimur and Ashti Prisoners' Day.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, April 2.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/st. 1/6 7/32 1 and 2 months, 1/6 1/4 3 to 6 months.
B. C. Rates: T T 1/8 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16.
Banks selling T T 1/8 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32.
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 3/32.
LDN/NEW YORK:
Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs 332 3/4.
Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327 1/2.
LDN/MONTREAL:
Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 295 3/4
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Very quiet.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c. Bank of England Rate 2 p.c.
Money:—Call, one and two months 1/4 p.c. 3 to 5 months 1/2 p.c. 6 to 11 months 3/4 p.c. 12 months 1 1/4 p.c.
Tone:—Easy.

Prospects Of Large Jute Crops In Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 31. (U.P.A.) The Brazilian Government today stated that Para and Amazonas which were once Brazil's biggest rubber producing areas, are intensifying their production of jute.

The statement adds that Sao Paulo, which is already a big jute producing area, is expected to yield more than Para and Amazonas together.

However statistics indicate the entire national production will not, for a considerable time at least, be sufficient to satisfy even Brazilian requirements.

Making of sacks and baling from cotton has almost entirely ceased in Brazil because it has been proved that cotton fibre does not provide the necessary resistance and that mixing cotton fibre with jute is not satisfactory either.

Thus all indications are that, when shipping permits, imports of jute into Brazil will be intensified and exports are expected to be larger than previously.

Because of this anticipated increase in exports, Brazilian bagging and sacking will be required.

However it may be possible of the production of jute in Para, Amazonas and Sao Paulo continues to increase at the present rate, the import of jute may eventually begin to decline and even possibly stop altogether for some years in the future.

The State of Amazonas is offering special inducements for increasing jute culture and production and the State intervener Alvaro Maia recently declared that if his Government's plans are carried out, his State in a matter of relatively few years will be able to supply all Brazil's jute requirements.

Cotton Waste (Hard) Prices

The Government of India have by a Notification in the Gazette of India Extraordinary dated the 22nd March 1945 fixed the maximum prices at which any person may sell cotton waste (hard) in India or may export it to any place outside India. The details of the types of cotton waste affected are shown in the notification.

Denabank Opens Branch At Godhra

GODHRA, March 31.

Devkaran Nanjee Banking Co., Ltd. opened their 89th office at Godhra on Friday which was visited by leading businessmen and officials. Seth Franlal Devkaran Nanjee the Chairman of the Dena Bank was accorded warm reception by the local merchants and assured him of their co-operation.

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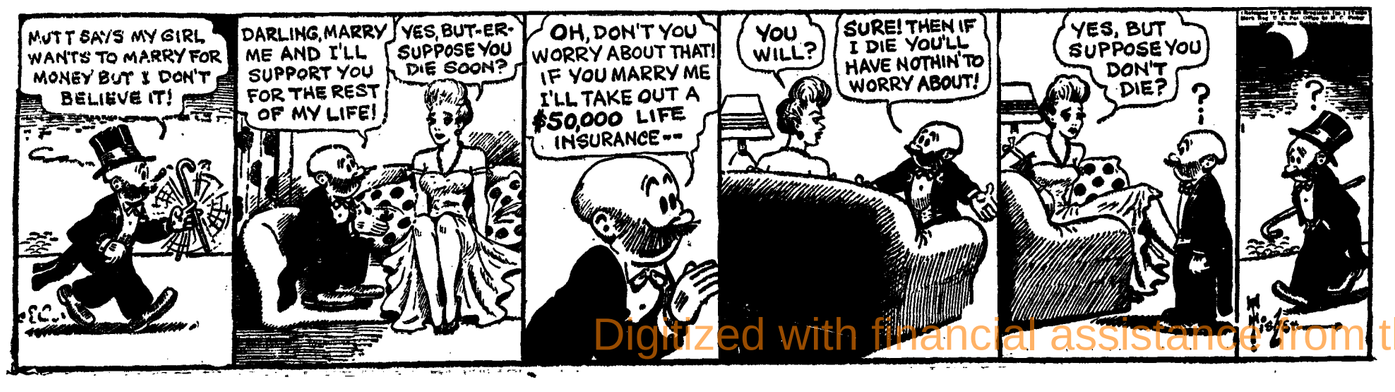
MUTT AND JEFF—You See, It's Usually The Little Things That Stand In The Way — By BUD FISHER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BENGAL NAGPUR RAILWAY

DELAY IN SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

IN ORDER to expedite the settlement of claims the public are earnestly requested to assist this Railway, when corresponding with regard to claims by observing the following points:

(1) Write a separate letter with regard to each individual claim.

(2) Invariably quote Claims Office references if there has been previous correspondence.

(3) Give full particulars of booking when preferring a claim and in all subsequent correspondence.

COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC MANAGER.

(2023)

PUBLIC NOTICES

LOSS OF BOMBAY PORT TRUST DEBENTURES NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Nine Bombay Port Trust Debentures as detailed below originally and now standing in the names of Jamnabai widow of Doongersey Nagji and Dharamsey Ehawanji by whom they have not been endorsed, have been recently stolen, lost or destroyed. Payment of the said Debentures and interest thereon has been stopped, and duplicate of the said Debentures will be issued to the proprietor upon the expiration of three years from the date hereof. The interest accruing due on the said Debentures will also be paid to the proprietors thereof. Any person having any claim to the said Debentures or to the interest due thereon of any nature whatsoever is hereby required to forthwith make known the same to the said Port Trustees at their office in Bombay. All claims made after the expiration of the said period of three years will be considered waived and of no effect.

Dated the 27th day of February 1945.

JAMNABAI widow of Doongersey Nagji,

Proprietor of the Lost Debentures.

Countersigned.

C. F. LYNN,
Chief Accountant,
Bombay Port Trust.

Particulars of Bond mentioned above:—

No.	Year of Loan	Value Rs.
10169	1904	500|-
12235	1905	1,500|-
3271	1906|60	4,000|-
10964	1907	3,500|-
11456	1908	6,000|-
6154	1909	3,500|-
8969	1910	1,000|-
13112	1911	8,000|-
16756	1913	1,500|-
	Rs.	29,500|-

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TENDER NOTICE FOR RATE CONTRACTS

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3. M. S. Folded Tapered Cotters to I.R.S. (T) Drg. No. T. 424 Alt. 1.
4. M. S. Cotters to Drg. No. 6178|K|1 and Sketch No. 305.
5. M. S. Split Cotters to I.R.S. (T) Drg. No. T 432 (Alt. 1).

Applicants not already on approved list of Supply Deptt. Contractors must give their Banker's reference on application for Tender form.

Tender forms are also obtainable from Offices of the Chief Controller of Purchase (Supply)| (Munitions) Directorate Munitions Production, Bombay|Lahore, Controller of Supplies, Karachi|Madras|Cawnpore, and on payment of tender fee direct to them.

Drg. No. 31694|C is obtainable from the C.O.S. G.I.P. Rly. Bombay direct on payment.

Drg. No. 6178|K|I and sketch No. 305 are obtainable from the C.O.S. M. & S.M. Rly. Perumbur, direct on payment. Calcutta firms can also see the drawings in the Office of the C.C.P. (M.) Calcutta during working hours.

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NOTICE

THE EASTERN CHEMICAL CO., (INDIA).

Lloyd Building, Dougall Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

WE HEREBY NOTIFY to all our customers that Mr. L. J. HALLEN, who was working as our salesman, is no longer in our service and all orders for our products should therefore be sent direct to this Office or through our present salesmen—Messrs H. A. M. Khan and|or K. N. Sen Gupta.

For & on behalf of
The Eastern Chemical Co. (India)
N. L. KODIKAL,
Manager.

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NOTICE

To The SHAREHOLDERS OF THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES:

(1) New India Sugar Mills, Ltd., (2) Bharat Sugar Mills, Ltd., (3) Upper Ganges Sugar Mills, Ltd.

In pursuance of Rule 51L of the Defence of India Rules and of resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the Companies, all Share Registers, Books and other documents of the above Companies, were removed from Calcutta to New Delhi, a place of safety in 1942. The same have been brought back to 8, Royal Exchange Place, Calcutta, the registered office of the Companies. Henceforth all correspondence may kindly be directed to 8, Royal Exchange Place, Calcutta.

COTTON AGENTS, LTD.
Managing Agents.

Dated, Calcutta,
26th March, 1945.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

IN BASIC SOLUTION OF CLOTH FAMINE.

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THE HOLDERS OF THE 5½% FIRST MORTGAGE DEBENTURES

HOLDERS of the debentures of the abovementioned series are reminded that the principal moneys secured thereby will become payable on the 1st July, 1945, in accordance with the provisions of such debentures. The 1st July 1945 being a Sunday, the offices of the Company will be closed on that day. Notice is hereby given that in consequence the Company will on the 2nd July 1945, pay at the Mill Office of the Company at Bangalore all principal moneys and interest secured by such debentures to the respective holders thereof on presentation and surrender of the Debentures at the Mill Office of the Company in Bangalore. Interest will cease to run on the principal money secured by any Debenture from 1st July, 1945.

N. SIRUR & CO., LTD.,
V. N. CHANDAVARKAR,
Managing Director,
Managing Agents.

29th March, 1945.

(2707)

IN THE MATTER OF VORA CHEMICAL COMPANY LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 209 (H) of the Indian Companies Act, 1913, that a GENERAL MEETING of the Members and the Creditors of the above Company will be held at 94, DeScuza Street, Bombay, on MONDAY, the 7th day of May, 1945, at 3 P.M. at which the Liquidators will lay before the meeting of the members and creditors an account of the winding up showing how the winding up has been conducted and the property of the Company has been disposed of.

NANDLAL D. VORA,
Liquidator.

94, DeSouza Street,
Bombay, 2nd April, 1945.

(7735)

POONA CITY MUNICIPALITY

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from Graduates for the post of an Inspector for the execution of the Bombay Shops and Establishments Act, 1939. The sanctioned scale of pay for the post is Rs. 60-4-100|5-125 Plus D.-A. with the benefit of the Municipal Provident Fund. The applications stating age, caste, qualifications and experience, if any, should reach the undersigned on or before 15th April, 1945.

G. M. KHOPKAR,
Chief Officer,
Poona City Municipality.

(2708)

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate for 25 Ordinary Shares Nos. 16016|16040 of Tata Chemicals Ltd., standing in the name of Hargovindas Narandas has been lost or misplaced and the undersigned has applied to the Company to issue a duplicate certificate for the said shares. Any person who has a claim in respect of the said shares should lodge such a claim with the Company at its registered office, Bombay House, 24, Bruce Street, Fort, Bombay, within one month from this date else the Company will proceed to issue the duplicate share Certificate.

Dated the 3rd day of April, 1945.

(7741)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. Lakhpatrai Ramsarandas has left our service on the 15th February, 1945. Any person dealing with him purporting to be on our behalf shall be doing so at his own risk and without recourse to us. This is without prejudice to our right to repudiate acts outside his authority during the period of employment.

KHUSHIRAM TARACHAND,
Lokhand Jatha and
Mirza Street, Bombay,
H. O. Karachi.

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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the temporary post of a Steno-Typist. Pay Rs. 50-5|2-90 PLUS Short-hand allowance according to speed PLUS Dearness Allowance admissible. Higher starting pay in the grade upto the maximum may be given to a candidate with good speed and experience. Graduates with experience of clerical work in a Government office will be given preference. Applications giving full particulars about age, domicile, educational qualifications, experience, etc., should reach the Director of Industries, Old Custom House Yard, Bombay, in an envelope marked "TECHNICAL" so as to reach him on or before the 9th April, 1945.

(2709)

NOTICE

To THE SHAREHOLDERS OF RUBY GENERAL INSC. CO. LTD.

IN PURSUANCE of Rule 51L of the Defence of India Rules and of resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the Companies, all Share Registers, Books and other documents of the above Company, were removed from Calcutta to New Delhi, a place of safety in 1942. The same have been brought back to 8, Royal Exchange Place, Calcutta, the registered office of the Company. Henceforth all correspondence may kindly be directed to 8, Royal Exchange Place, Calcutta.

RUBY GENERAL INSC. CO., LTD.

Dated, Calcutta, 26th March, 1945.

(2715)

NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Food Controller, from clearing Agents or Contractors for clearing and forwarding Food-grains on behalf of the Government of Bombay, at the Docks in Bombay.

Tender forms and conditions of contract can be had at the Food Controller's Office, R.I.S. Building, between 1 and 5 p.m. on working days on payment of Rs. 2|-.

Tenders accompanied by earnest money of Rs. 1,000|- in cash will be received at 1 p.m. on Monday, the 9th April 1945.

The Food Controller does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

N. M. WAGLE,
Food Controller, and
Deputy Secretary to Government,
Finance Department (Supply)

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LEGAL NOTICES

HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY

INSOLVENCY No. 36 OF 1945

Re: RATILAL NANCHAND SURTI, partner in the firm of the Kuc-hwar Products Co., a firm carrying on business as merchants at Medows Street within the Fort of Bombay: .. A Debtor.

Ex parte: THE HIND TRADING CO., a firm .. Petitioning Creditors.

On the 20th day of March, 1945, an order was made by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in its Insolvency Jurisdiction adjudging the abovenamed Debtor an Insolvent.

Dated this 29th day of March, 1945.

K. K. DASTUR,
Insolvency Registrar.

(2719)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

To the Shareholders of the following Companies:

(1) Birla Jute Mfg. Co., Ltd., (2) Kesoram Cotton Mills, Ltd., (3) Orient Paper Mills, Ltd., (4) Textile Machinery Corph. Ltd., (5) Sutlej Cotton Mills Ltd., (6) Birla Cotton S. & W. Mills, Ltd., (7) Indian Starch Products, Ltd.

In pursuance of Rule 51L of the Defence of India Rules and of resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the Companies, all Share Registers, Books and other documents of the above Companies, were removed from Calcutta to New Delhi, a place of safety in 1942. The same have been brought back to 8, Royal Exchange Place, Calcutta, the registered office of the Companies. Henceforth all correspondence may kindly be directed to 8, Royal Exchange Place, Calcutta.

BIRLA BROTHERS, LTD.,
Managing Agents.

Dated, Calcutta,
26th March, 1945.

(2712)

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF 153 ROLLS DAMAGED AMERICAN LEATHER BELTING.

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